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Murdered paperboy's pal plans 40th anniversary tribute

I COULD HAVE DIED LIKE CARL

Report by Marion Brennan

A FRIEND of murdered paperboy Carl Bridgewater has revealed how he came close to being the target of the teenager's brutal killers instead of his schoolfriend.

Adrian Goodaker was speaking as the 40th anniversary approaches of the murder at Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge, where 13-year-old Carl was shot dead at point blank range whilst delivering the evening paper after apparently interrupting a burglary.

The buildings maintenance contractor, now 54, told how he was offered the round just weeks before Carl, but turned it down to earn more money on a busier route.

He even rode the route with his best friend John Hanson, who was giving up the round, and remembered calling at Yew Tree Farm.

Delivered

"When I see photographs of that entrance in newspapers and books and think 'I delivered a paper through that very door', I realise how lucky I was.

"I went out with John to see how I would like it. It was a beautiful area, all million-pound homes, very exclusive but only about 20 houses on the route, so consequently less pocket money. My twin brother Ian had a round twice that size and earned twice the money so I thought about it overnight and told John the next day I'd let it go.

"Carl took on the round and sadly it wasn't long, just a few weeks, before he was shot."

Police went on to charge suspects, who became known as the Bridgewater Four, after they were arrested in connection with an armed robbery in Halesowen. Patrick Molloy, James Robinson, cousins Michael and Vincent Hickey had their convictions overturned after 18 years in 1997, amid concerns about the evidence.

On anniversaries of the killing on September 19, 1978, Mr Goodaker, who lived three doors from Carl in Wordsley, has considered marking the passing of his 'dear friend' in some lasting way.

Now he has set up a crowdfunding page aiming to raise £1,000 over the next month to create and install a bench at one of the teenager's favourite places, Himley Hall, overlooking the lake where he used to sail.

He describes his pal on the website as 'a wonderful young man who would have grown into a beautiful loving soul'. Over coffee at his terraced Dudley home, he recalls the carefree fun they had as boys in the Black Country.

"I could take you to the tree where we would throw up sticks to get the best conkers. I remember one day we decided to gather up all the empty milk bottles on people's doorsteps and put them outside this one house and then knocking on their door and running. There must have been 300 bottles. Or we'd go to the park and challenge each other to run across the bowling green before the park keeper saw us.

Energy

"Carl's nickname was Atom because he had so much energy, I was Spud, my brother was Mouse, we all had nicknames.

"I was a few months older than Carl but in the streets where we lived, we were a community, we were all very close. So when this happened, it shocked us to the core."

If the appeal exceeds the target, Adrian will speak to Carl's parents about how they would like to see the money spent.

The father-of-two said he has had knockbacks in his life, including the breakdown of his marriage and the failure of his business, but can never get downhearted.

"I'm still alive, and I'm thankful for that," he says.

To make a donation, visit https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/adrian-goodaker

Carl Bridgewater – the murder of the 13-year-old paperboy shocked the nation and remains unsolved today

Adrian Goodaker has spoken about his memories of Carl as the 40th anniversary of the Wordsley boy's murder approaches

HEALTH

Outstanding rating goes to GP surgery

A GP practice in Stourbridge has been praised by health inspectors and given the rating 'outstanding'.

Lion Health on Lowndes Road has scored so highly it is now being used as an example to other surgeries on how to improve services.

The rating is a ringing endorsement for the practice which recently merged with Norton Medical Practice and serves 31,000 patients.

Inspectors rated the health centre as good in all areas but saved the accolade of outstanding for its treatment of patients and the management of the practice.

EXHIBITIONS

Art goes on show at Himley Hall

TWO exhibitions featuring work by Black Country artists are on display at Himley Hall.

Work by the Brierley Hill District Society of Artists and the Dudley Society of Artists is currently adorning the walls at the historic stately home.

The Brierley Hill District Society of Artists' exhibition runs until September 16, while the Dudley Society of Artists showcase finishes on September 22.

PLANNING

Former offices to become pet parlour

A PET grooming parlour is to open in former offices in Stourbridge.

Plans have been approved for the business at The Coach House in Cobden Street, Wollaston.

Proposals to change the use of the building for the pet grooming business have been approved by Dudley Council planners.

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From shop worker to internet sensation

Jay Swingler – prankster

IT was hailed as the internet's biggest event, taking place in front of 20,000 fans and beamed live to many thousands more, pulling in millions of pounds – and one of the stars was a Black Country lad you've probably never heard of.

Former Diffusion shop assistant Jay Swingler, an online prankster, fought on the undercard for KSI Vs Logan Paul, a white collar boxing event that pulled in millions of viewers worldwide. The bash was broadcast on YouTube with subscribers paying £7.50 a time to watch the entire show.

It has been hailed as a game-changing success, raking in more than many professional boxing pay-per-view events. A total of 784,000 people signed up, bringing in £5.5 million.

As one half of the YouTube channel 'TGFbro', Jay was third on the bill for the main event that saw the UK's biggest YouTuber KSI take on America's Logan Paul.

Jay, 23, a former Kidderminster Harriers youth player and Halesowen College student, fought fellow YouTuber AnEson (Ali) Gib in four rounds of 'boxing' that saw the local lad, originally from Wolverhampton and now living in Dudley, lose on a points decision.

The bash, dubbed the 'biggest event in internet history' took place on Saturday and was watched by 20,000 people at Manchester Arena and by a global audience via the pay-per-view stream on YouTube.

The TGFbro YouTube channel, which has more than four million subscriber,s is run by Jay and co-star Romell Henry. Their most infamous stunt came in December 2017 when Jay cemented his head inside a microwave and needed the emergency services' help to remove it.

Death crash driver: I was not in a rush

A MOTORIST involved in a fatal crash has denied she was rushing because she was late for a lunch appointment.

Emily Doyle-Gibbons was on her way to meet a friend for a pub meal in Brewood when her Ford Fiesta collided with a Vauxhall Corsa travelling in the opposite direction.

The Corsa driver Malcoln Aplin, a 59-year-old grandfather, died.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the crash took place at 4.15pm, a quarter of an hour after she had been due to meet her friend. But giving evidence, Doyle-Gibbons told the jury it was not unusual for her to be late and that her friend would not have been surprised. The 20-year-old, of Dudley, also denied being distracted by her mobile phone which she had been using to play music earlier in the journey.

She said she had pulled in at Millennium Way, Codsall, on the way to text her friend and to switch off both her music and sat nav.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor Mr Paul Spratt, she insisted she had not been distracted. "I don't touch my phone while I'm in the car driving," she said.

Pothole

The defendant, who was 19 at the time, had been driving for 18 months and had a clean licence, the court heard.

She was driving on Port Lane at around 60mph – the speed limit – before gradually braking on the approach to a bend just before the crash, she said. Then the front-left of her car 'dipped' as though she had hit a pothole and she heard a bang before her car was 'thrown across the road' on impact, said Doyle-Gibbons, who suffered a fractured pelvis, wrist and foot.

The road was examined for potholes in the vicinity but none were found. It is claimed she may have hit a drain ridge.

Doyle-Gibbons, of Warren Drive, denies causing death by careless driving in June last year. The trial continues.

Graduates brought history to life

From left, graduates Sabrina Nabi, Jon Rogers and Kayleigh Talbot at the Black Country Living Museum

THREE graduates from a the University of Wolverhampton have gained hands-on experience, thanks to a creative touring company in Dudley.

Jon Rogers, Kayleigh Talbot and Sabrina Nabi, who all graduated with School of Performing Arts Drama degrees from Wolverhampton, worked with artists from the Black Country Touring Company over a six-week paid internship which allowed them to develop their skills.

The company, which is supported by the Black Country Living Museum, is a production company and a touring network which brings theatre and dance from the rest of the UK to the Black Country.

The graduates led the research phase of the project and the company created new performances, in three separate spaces at the Black Country Living Museum, after research into the hisroric shops at the Tipton Road museum.

Group face wrangle on mosque plan parking issue

A GROUP has become embroiled in a planning row for the second time in two years over a proposed mosque.

The scheme, planned for Smethwick, has led to hundreds of comments on a community Facebook page saying it will cause serious traffic problems.

But the Gambian Islamic Centre has said fears its proposed community centre and mosque on Bearwood Road would lead to parking chaos are unfounded.

The application wants to convert a former solicitor's office into a place of worship, which could accommodate 250 people.

More than 400 comments have appeared on the Bearwood page against the plans

Other posts pointed out that in 2016, the Gambian Islamic Centre was ordered to close its former mosque on Windmill Lane, Cape Hill, because of parking problems.

The application is expected to be heard by Sandwell Council's planning committee in October.

Lamin Yaffa, centre chairman, said: "Smethwick is our home and our followers live in and around this area, so many of them will walk to or use public transport to come to pray."

The planning application states there would be parking on site for six cars with plans to increase that to 15.

Inmate too high to appear in court

AN alleged burglar being held at HMP Oakwood could not face court because he was 'under the influence' in prison.

The inmate was first due to appear before Gloucester Crown Court via video link more than a week ago to enter a plea to a charge of burglary at a home in Cheltenham.

But he was said by a prison officer to be too high on drugs or booze to be brought to the video link room at HMP Oakwood, a privately run prison, near Wolverhampton. The female warder told the court that the man was 'under the influence.' Judge Michael Harington sighed "Yes, a sign of the times."

The prisoner has since appeared back before Gloucester Crown Court where he denied an allegation of burglary and will now face trial.

Busking for charity

BANDS will 'busk' at a charity event in Dudley. Black Country broadcaster and performer Billy Spakemon's hosts the free night of live music on September 8. The Black Country Radio's Omma N Chain Buskin' for Parkinsons UK event is at the Station Hotel at 7.30pm.

Thug who broke jaw of stranger is sent to jail

A THUG who broke the jaw of a complete stranger with a single punch has been jailed for 21 months.

Jordan Bullock wrongly thought that Brad Gutteridge had spat at him outside the Meadow Lark pub in Dibdale Road, Dudley.

The 24-year-old, who had been drinking, hit Mr Gutteridge in the face, breaking his jaw so badly that three metal plates had to be inserted into his face during surgery.

The victim of the attack in May 2016 revealed in a statement to the court that he lost one and a half stone in weight, could not work for two months and had only just started to regain his confidence more than two years after the incident.

Bricklayer

Trainee bricklayer Bullock was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm after a trial and had been remanded on bail for pre-sentence reports.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending, said the defendant had not committed any offence since the incident, which had been 'over in seconds.'

However. Bullock, of Kingfare Rise, Dudley, was on a suspended sentence, imposed after a violent incident, when he delivered the punch.

He was sent to prison for 21 months by Judge Peter Barrie, who told him: "This was an act of completely uncalled for violence."

Thorne on cue to boost charity fund

A BLACK-TIE evening hosted by snooker star Willie Thorne will raise money for Midlands Air Ambulance.

The Barmy Ball, organised by a group of cyclists, will include a live band, DJ, auction and raffle at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill, on November 24.

Following the success of its first ball last year, where more than £14,000 was raised for the charity, the Barmy Team has organised the event with the aim of beating last year's total.

Mr Thorne said: "I'm so pleased to be hosting the Barmy Ball this year, it's going to be so much fun for a very worthwhile cause. I've been a long-time supporter of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity." For tickets, call 07837 755686.

Scoot along to gig

THE Lower Gornal-based Mohicans Scooter Club has booked a band, The Riff, to play Lower Gornal Royal British Legion Club, Ruiton Street, on September 15 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7, 07881 525704 or 07711 622152.

Car smashes into lamp post injuring two

Car wreckage. Photo: @WMFSDudley

A MAN and woman were taken to hospital with leg and arm injuries after this horrific crash which saw their car ripped apart.

Shocking photographs of the scene in Oakham Road, Dudley, has prompted fire chiefs to warn people about driving in line with the conditions of the road.

The occupants of the car were trapped in the wreckage after it swerved off the road and smashed into a lamp post at about 6.45pm on Friday. The pair both received treatment for leg and arm injuries before being taken to hospital following the incident.

A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service said the car had crashed into a lamp post and some fencing.

One of the people had to be released by firefighters, as crews removed the roof of the car.

The crash, and the work by the firefighters to extract the occupants, left the car looking almost unrecognisable, with vehicle parts strewn across the road.

Highways attended for the diesel spillage on the road, before police cordoned off the area. Paramedics were also at the scene, to carry out any necessary treatment, before taking the pair to hospital.

West Midlands Fire Service has since sent a plea out to motorists, warning them to be cautious following the smash.

Chiefs have reminded drivers to be more aware of the roads especially as conditions start becoming colder, wetter and icier. Dudley Fire Station tweeted the warning message to other drivers: "Please reduce your speed and drive to the conditions."

Market on the up as more traders take stalls

THE number of traders at Dudley Market has rocketed by 60 per cent since a controversial takeover last year.

New figures show more than 1,000 stalls were sold on the town centre market in June – up by 400 in the space of a year.

There had been fears the takeover by Tudor Markets could put the market's future at risk but the move appears to have had a major positive impact.

The increase in interest is a major shot in the arm for the market, which had been struggling to survive before Tudor came in.

The change was not universally welcomed, with some stallholders launching protests outside the council house. But Tudor sold 1,107 stalls in June, an increase of 415 compared to the same month in 2017.

Every stall is now occupied on Wednesdays, while occupancy rates are around the 70 per cent mark on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fifteen permanent traders have joined the market.

Invested

Council leader Patrick Harley hailed the firm's impact and said it showed the 'tide was turning' for the town's market.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted with Tudor Markets. They came with a proven track record and in terms of delivery, it's very much so far so good.

"To their credit, they have invested heavily in a bid to rejuvenate the market, which, let's be honest, was struggling.

"They had to get through a difficult first few months and then a cold and tough winter, but the figures here suggest the tide is turnin"

James Willis, of Tudor Markets, said: "We're really pleased with our first year running the market in Dudley. We'll keep working hard to try and give people in the town a market they can be proud of."

Tudor Markets is hosting a Big Day Out in the marketplace this Saturday, September 1. The family fun day will feature live entertainment, a fun fair and food court area.

A man was arrested in Brierley Hill last week after he was found in possession of these terrifying machete-style knives

Terrifying machetes are seized by police

TWO potentially deadly machetes were seized by police during a stop and search in Brierley Hill.

The weapons were taken from a man last Thursday.

West Midlands Police were praised for their actions in getting the terrifying blades off the streets.

Police confirmed a man had been arrested after he was found in possession of the machetes on Thursday night.

Brierley Hill Police said on Twitter: "Seized tonight by Pcs Griffin Fox and Crane following a stop and search. Two more knives off the street." Sally Bourner, Dudley Police Commander, was among those to commend the work of the officers. She tweeted: "Great work! Thank you and our streets safer as a result."

The Chronicle's sister newspaper, the Express & Star, is campaigning to ban the sale of knives and machetes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fewer car parking spaces at park

MARY Stevens Park in Stourbridge will see a temporary cut to its parking spaces.

Essential maintenance work to the offices within the park will see approximately 10 car parking spaces, including two disabled bays, taken out of action for around four weeks.

Council bosses have earmarked September 3 for the project's start to avoid the busy school holiday period.

Councillor Patrick Harley, leader of the council, said: "We believe the reduced capacity will still be sufficient to cope with the demand at that time of the year, although of course we apologise for any inconvenience."

Double amputee mountaineer talk

A DOUBLE amputee who has conquered some of the world's most famous mountains with prosthetic legs will be giving an inspirational talk to raise funds for Mary Stevens Hospice.

Dr Norman Croucher OBE, who in 1995 climbed the world's sixth highest mountain, Cho Oyu in Tibet, will be the special guest at a dinner at the Granary Hotel at Shenstone, near Kidderminster, in aid of the Stourbridge hospice on October 11.

Tickets cost £30 including a three-course meal, and can be purchased by calling 01562 883834.

Law firm poses charity questions

BRIERLEY Hill law firm Higgs & Sons holds its annual charity quiz at the Black Country Living Museum's Workers' Institute on October 10.

There will be 35 teams of four and teams need to book in advance. The £90 per team entrance fee includes food at the interval

Proceeds from the evening will go to Dudley Mind. Completed entry forms should be returned to Higgs & Sons by September 28.

For sponsorship opportunities or to donate a raffle prize, call events manager David O'Mara on 01384 327387.

Churches in spotlight at talk by historian

A BLACK Country historian and author is giving a talk on the churches and chapels of Gornal.

Ned Williams will be giving the talk at Gornal Library in Abbey Road, Lower Gornal, on September 5 from 7pm to 9pm for the Friends of Gornal Library event.

Its is free but places need to be reserved with library staff. Mr Williams has written more than 40 local history books.

COUNTY NEWS

Average earnings below decade ago

AVERAGE earnings are still £13 a week lower than a decade ago, an economic think tank has reported.

Just over two million more people have found work since the financial crash of 2008, with more than a million of those in the poorest third of households, the research by the Resolution Foundation showed.

However, with 800,000 on zero-hours contracts, job insecurity is still "widespread" and real average earnings are still £13 a week less than a decade ago, it said. TUC general secretary Frances O'Grady accused the Government of turning a blind eye to stagnating wages.

Call for crackdown on antique guns

IN a bid to tackle the use of antique guns by criminals, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson is calling on the government to tighten firearms laws.

He is urging changes to nine gun categories as concern grows over gang members buying antique weapons.

David Jamieson said: "It is vital the government makes it much harder for gang members and criminals in the West Midlands and beyond to get their hands on antique guns which can be turned into deadly weapons with relative ease. It needs to ensure obsolete calibre firearms don't fall into the wrong hands."

Ban on kitten and puppy sales likely

THE sale of puppies and kittens by pet shops and other commercial dealers will be banned under plans put out for consultation by the Government.

Anyone buying or adopting a pet less than six months old will have to deal directly with the breeder or a rescue centre under the proposed ban.

The move aims to reduce serious health problems and socialisation issues which afflict pets kept in poor conditions by unscrupulous, profit-driven breeders.

Call for four minute maximum on showers

FAMILIES in the region have been urged to consider how much water they are using after a study found people shower for 10 minutes on average. This summer's heatwave led to water shortages in parts of the UK.

Experts say time in the shower should be limited to four minutes but a new survey found people in the West Midlands generally spend 10 minutes having a wash.

Delay to launch of rental bike scheme

THE roll-out of rental bikes across the Black Country has been delayed.

Nextbike won a bike concession from the Transport for West Midlands to introduce the so-called Boris Bikes in the region.

In June, the firm said 900 rental bikes would be introduced in Wolverhampton from September. This would be followed by 300 in each of Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell.

However, last week firm managing director Julian Scriven said the timescale had changed.

He said: "We are on track to release our first 100 West Midlands bikes at the University of Birmingham in September, and we are continuing to plan with Transport for West Midlands for the full first stage roll out across the rest of Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Coventry that is due over the coming months. The remaining bikes will hit the streets of Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Solihull next year as planned."

Bikes will be each have docking stations dotted around the area they serve. It will cost 50p to use a bike per 30 minutes. Subscription packages will be available for £30-a-year with the first 30 minutes free, then 25p for each 30 minutes after.

Meanwhile, another bicycle hire firm is threatening to pull out of a major city due to theft and vandalism.

Mobike warned it will end its service unless there is a reduction in people stealing and damaging its bikes in Manchester, which are unlocked with an app. The Chinese company said 10 per cent of its Manchester fleet was taken out of use last month. It described the figure as 'unsustainable'.

All smiles as students make the GCSE grade

By Heather Large

PUPILS across the Black Country were all smiles after making the grade at GCSE.

Across the country pass rates rose in the wake of the biggest exams shake-up for a generation.

For some subjects, the traditional A* to G grades are being phased out, to be replaced with a 9 to 1 system.

In the West Midlands the pass rate fell slightly to 63.1 per cent but success stories included Arshvir Dhaliwal, from Sedgley, who attends King Edward VI Five Ways School in Birmingham and achieved nine 9s, an 8 and a 7.

At Crestwood School and Sixth Form in Kingswinford, there were a total of 119 grade 7, 8 or 9s across all subjects, with almost a quarter of the year group achieving these top grades in English.

The number of students achieving the top grade at Ellowes Hall Sports College in Lower Gornal has more than doubled. Some 84 per cent passed English and 73 per cent passed maths.

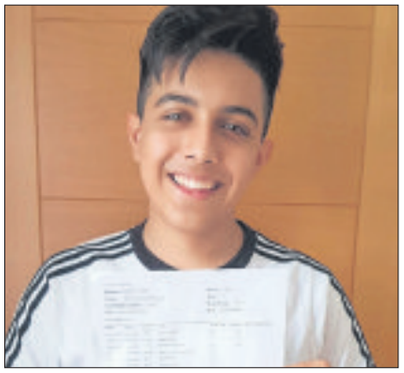
Dudley College of Technology saw 49 per cent of its students achieve A*-C grades in mathematics, and 67 per cent in English. Grandmother June Wilson-Smith, aged 55, who came back into education to keep her brain active and scored a grade 7 in English.

At Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy in Tividale 64 per cent of students achieved a grade 4 or higher and in maths 57 per cent of students achieved a grade 4 or above. Overall, half of the students achieved at least a grade 4 in English and maths.

Raihaanah Kulthoom,of Ormiston Forge Academy in Cradley Heath, secured four 9s, two A*s, five 8s and one A. In English, 64 per cent of students achieved Grade 4 or above.

As Bishop Milner Catholic College saw 70 per cent of students achieve five or more standard passes including English and maths, Ishika Patel scored six grade 9s and four grade 8s.

Pupils celebrate their exam success at Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy



High achiever Arshvir Dhaliwal, from Sedgley

Grandmmother Julie Wilson-Brown celebrates

Residents in call for action over high speeds

A CAMPAIGN group has called upon Dudley Council slow traffic down on their road, after speeds of up to 85mph were recorded.

Members from Friends of Howley Grange have been working with Woodgate Valley Fire Station to reduce the number of incidents and near misses on Howley Grange Road in Halesowen.

Watch Commander Paul Stephens, from Woodgate Valley Fire Station, placed a Speed Indicator Device on the road to monitor speeds.

Jennifer Clulow, who has lived in the road for 24 years, said: "It's horrendous. We're calling on the council to put traffic calming measures.

"We don't want speed bumps. The road is very long and if they put chevrons down and a sign it slows the traffic down."

Proof

Watch Commander Paul Stephens, of Woodgate Valley Fire Station, said: "I became aware of the community group that had been set up by concerned residents.

"They've been witnessing some high speed driving for some time and I thought I could add some value to their beliefs. It's one thing thinking they are seeing speeding cars but now they've got proof.

"Ultimately our aim is to reduce the number of people killed or injured."

Councillor Karen Shakespeare said that the council would look at a 20mph advisory limit during school hours.

Three held after BMW police chase

THREE teenagers were arrested after police pursued a stolen BMW through the streets of Halesowen.

West Midlands Police arrested three youths just off Manor Lane and in Illey Lane. Two 17-year-olds have been bailed until September 17 and the 18-year-old has been released pending further investigation.

The incident took place at 4.15am on August 20. The BMW was stolen in Bromsgrove, police said.

The West Midlands Police Traffic Unit tweeted: "Teamwork last night between us, National Police Air Service and West Midlands Police Dogs Unit resulted in the three very muddy occupants of this BMW being arrested in fields after it was pursued around Halesowen. It was stolen in a burglary the night before."

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Taxpayers in borough fork out £89k for council Jags

THOUSANDS of pounds of taxpayers' cash is being spent on luxury cars for mayors and council officials in the Black Country and Staffordshire.

A Freedom of Information request by the TaxPayers' Alliance has revealed big spending on posh Jaguars for mayors and other council officials.

Bosses at the Alliance have called it 'excessive' when most councils are already strapped for cash, and are calling for mayors to use their own vehicles or even public transport to attend events.

But authority chiefs say the role of mayor is a 'prestigious' and 'historic' one which warrants its own car.

They also say they are supporting a local company and jobs by only buying or leasing Jaguars. JLR has a factory on the i54 site, near Wolverhampton, and is building a brand new huge showroom on the Penn Road in the city too.

Figures show that overall councils in the Black Country spent about £89,000 since 2015 on various high class transport, with Dudley spending £24,668.60 on a Jaguar XF (Luxury) 2.0 V6 Diesel.

Council leader Patrick Harley, said: "Over the course of a year the mayor will attend in the region of 700 functions, including charities and businesses, and over the last three years they have raised more than £150,000 for worthy causes."

Workers vow to support charity

WORKERS at Phoenix Materials Testing have pledged their support to White House Cancer Support.

The Brierley Hill-based firm will be holding regular fundraising events to help families affected by cancer within the Dudley borough.

To celebrate the start of the partnership, Phoenix staff will visit the White House in Ednam Road, Dudley, on September 5 for a tour of the premises and to find out how their fundraising activities will support the charity's work.

Sam Shevyn, operations manager at Phoenix on The Wallows Industrial Estate, Fens Pool Drive, said: "The wonderful work of White House Cancer Support touched a chord with many of our own team."

Victorian cricket

A NEW season of history talks start on September 20 with a cricket theme. Anthony Collis talks about Victorians Batting for Stourbridge for Stourbridge Historical Society at 7.30pm at Stourbridge Town Hall.

Camera is rescued from bear's lair

Ruby and Gail at Dudley Zoo

AN INQUISITIVE two-year-old who dropped her camera into a bear enclosure at Dudley Zoo has had it returned by staff.

Ruby Gartshore accidentally dropped her nan's pink camera into black bear Inca's enclosure.

The camera was found still in fully-working order and the zoo returned it to Ruby's grandmother, Gail Gartshore, who has since sent a donation to buy treats for the 38-year-old bear, thought to be the oldest in the world.

Keeper Sam Grove used the cash to buy snacks including kiwi fruit, pineapple, eggs, lemon curd and yoghurt for the Asiatic black bear.

Mrs Gartshore had been visiting the zoo with her son Lee, his partner Laura and their two girls, Ruby, who turns three in November, and Rosie who is nearly one.

She said: "Ruby loves taking pictures and had been using my camera around the zoo. When I picked her up to show her the bear I didn't realise she was still holding it and it fell out of her hands into the enclosure below.

"Lee called the zoo offices to report it and I was so grateful when I heard keepers would be able to get the camera.

"It was very kind of staff to post out the camera to me and it's working perfectly.

"The donation was a little token of my appreciation so staff could treat the bear to something nice. We had a wonderful day out at the zoo."

Assistant curator Jay Haywood said: "Senior keeper Sarah Evans managed to get the camera out of the paddock when Inca was asleep."

Mamba addict is locked up after robbery spree

A BLACK Mamba addict who robbed six people to feed his habit has been jailed for eight years.

Five of the offences were committed in as many days. Twenty-five-year-old Dean Taylor pulled a knife on one victim and threatened to stab others.

The prolific offender ambushed his former partner as she left her home on November 21, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. He stifled her screamsby putting his hand over her mouth and forcing her back into the property. He grabbed her phone and a £5 note before running away chased by her, said Miss Blondelle Thompson, prosecuting. Taylor threw the mobile at his ex on realising it was locked.

He robbed two teenagers on a bus in Dudley on December 30, taking a mobile and change after threatening to stab them. The next day he stole a phone at knifepoint from a man in Dudley High Street.

Dean Taylor – jailed

On New Year's Day he pushed a 70-year-old woman into her husband, knocking the 72-year-old man to the ground in High Street, Brierley Hill. Taylor stole her handbag containing a phone, cash and gifts. He got £10 by threatening to stab a passer-by in Mill Street, Brierley Hill, on January 3.

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, defending, said: "He has been addicted to Mamba and it has ruined his life." The death of Taylor's 21-year-old brother in prison from a Mamba overdose and the loss of his mother to cancer had affected Taylor, the court was told, and he had resolved to stay off drugs.

Taylor, of Rotton Park Road, Edgbaston, pleaded guilty to the six robberies, assault and possession of a knife. Judge Simon Ward ruled that he posed a significant danger to the public.

Saddling up for cycling challenge

Connie Hudson, with Hugh Porter, right, Henry Carver, centre and Tom Shotton from Cousins

A YOUNG athlete, training to represent her country, is saddling up to take part in a top cycling event this weekend.

Connie Hudson, aged 19, from Gornal Wood, is riding in the Cousins 20km – part of the Carver Wolverhampton Half Marathon in West Park on Sunday. Cycling legend Hugh Porter and businessman Henry Carver have supported Ms Hudson.

Ms Hudson said: "It's a very big sportive for me because it's by one of my sponsors and something I would like to help with, especially with how much Henry has helped me out with everything."

Hugh said: "She's been living in Spain and racing in Europe to improve her ability and get international experience. I've put her in contact with a few bike riders in the women's game that she could contact to give her some leads.

"She's now going to take part in the ride, which is to raise money for worthwhile causes."

Enter via www.wolverhamptonmarathonevents.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chimney warning from fire crews

FIRE chiefs are reminding people across the Black Country to make sure their chimneys are swept before lighting fires at home.

As the temperatures drop, more people are starting to light fires indoors to keep warm.

But West Midlands Fire Service is urging homeowners to make sure the chimney is swept before it is used, as it could otherwise be a fire hazard.

Fire crews from the West Midlands attended their first chimney fire since the summer at Coventry on Saturday as many started to feel an autumnal chill during the damp weekend.

Election for youth representatives

ELECTIONS will soon be held for 16 new Youth Commissioners in the West Midlands. The young people, who much be aged 18 or under, will be voted for by their peers and will represent them over a two year term.

The unpaid role is to advise the Police and Crime Commissioner on issues affecting children and liaise with police officers.

Nominations open on September 3. People will then have two weeks to vote for their chosen candidate online with the voting period starting on October 2 and closing on October 16.

Property firm in move to city hub

PROPERTY services specialist Fortem, which works for Dudley and Walsall councils, has chosen Birmingham as it new operational hub.

It manages the repairs and maintenance of thousands of homes in the West Midlands and also refurbishes public buildings, schools and leisure centres. It looks after 21,000 homes owned by Birmingham City Council.

Fortem has created 22 office and site-based jobs at its new Birmingham base and has taken on a further 17 apprentices. It also works with local housing associations.

Travellers are moved on at last from park

TRAVELLERS have been moved on from a beauty spot after setting up an illegal camp.

Up to 30 caravans moved on to Woodside Park, in Dudley, on August 10. They had continued to leave bags of rubbish mounting at the side of the site since their incursion.

Dudley Council managed to secure an injunction to move the travellers on. The local authority confirmed the caravans had now left the site.

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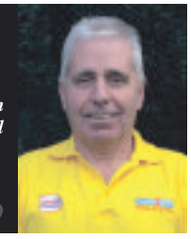

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Come on mayor, drop the Ali G look

REMEMBER that remarkably unfunny comedian who went around pretending to be Mayor of Stafford, and took to Twitter making offensive comments about other mayors and genuinely acting like a bit of an idiot?

I only mention it because from reports this week it sounds like he might be operating in Sheffield.

Councillor Magid Magid – presumably his parents were short of ideas when it came to choosing a name – has certainly taken, shall we say, an unconventional approach to the job since he became mayor.

He turns up to civic functions dressed like Ali G, wears the mayoral chains like it's a bit of bling he bought from Cash Converters, and has just returned from Amsterdam where he talked about youth culture. Then there was the mayor-making ceremony, which was accompanied by incidental music from Star Wars, and the Superman theme tune. Oh, and during an interview with a newspaper last week, he appeared to think Queen Victoria was still on the throne.

Really, where do they find these people? You might remember how in this year's local elections Tettenhall's Sohail Khan decided he was going to rap his way onto Wolverhampton Council, causing a bit of controversy with a pistol along the way.

The sad thing about Magid Magid is he probably does have a genuine tale to tell. He arrived in Britain from Somalia as a five-year-old refugee from the civil war, spoke no English, and went on to study at Hull University. He could have been an inspirational role model, but instead he has chosen to turn his office into a laughing stock. There never anything less cool than politicians trying to get down with the kids. Epic fail, I believe the phrase is.

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CRAIG Hardwick caught two men on camera while they were dumping an old mattress in his back garden. Far from apologetic, they can be heard on Mr Hardwick's video giving him an earful, telling him he was racist for objecting.

I really hope these two get the book thrown at them, and are either fined several thousand pounds or spend a few months in prison, but I won't be holding my breath.

West Mercia Police has recently set up a website where people can grass up bad drivers by uploading their dash-cam footage, so why don't we have a similar scheme for fly-tippers, fly-posters and litter louts? I know which bothers me the most. And I know which one gets the most attention from the authorities.

Actor's lost his Spacey as a box office draw with flop

How the mighty have fallen, as under-fire Kevin Spacey's latest movie predictably fails

Don't let him be misunderstood – Chief Constable of West Mercia, Anthony Bangham

Jeremy Paxman on University Challenge, surprised at the lack of knowledge about the M1?

Wolvo not a winner, but people are great

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IN a poll of 55,000 dimwits, Wolverhampton has been voted Britain's second-worst city, after Bradford. All I can add to the debate is that I worked in Wolverhampton for 28 years and met some of the best people I have ever known.

I CAN'T provide the same ringing endorsement for Bradford. My father was born in the city. I recall him once saying: "I come from Bradford, and Bradford is a bloody good place to come from."

HOW are the mighty fallen. Kevin Spacey, accused last year of sexual harassment dating back many years, made a pitiful £99 this week on the opening night of his new movie. This is the same Kevin Spacey who delivered that mammoth dramatic masterclass as Frank Underwood – plotter, killer and president – in the Netflix version of House of Cards. I've just finished watching all 65 hour-long episodes, made between 2013 and 2017 and what an extraordinary tour de force it was. But, justice must be done, no matter how much shining talent it drags off into obscurity.

IN some versions of this blog on Tuesday, the Colosseum in Rome appeared as the Coliseum. Traditionally, 'coliseum' refers to any big outdoor arena while the one in Rome is 'Colosseum'. However, some of the new online dictionaries suggest that 'coliseum' is gradually taking over. So while I admit to a mistake, it was possibly not a colisal one.

YOU have to be pretty damn thuggish these days to get into prison. The courts are so soft that only the nastiest get banged up. They are the ones who use extreme violence, and the most grotesque weapons, to terrify, wound or kill their innocent victims. So how are we supposed to react to the news that some of these killers, maimers, extorters and serial burglars are so scared by the conditions in Birmingham Prison that they are afraid to leave their cells? Here is a liberal dilemma: do we have to feel really, really, genuinely sorry for them or is it okay just to pretend?

A READER sends me his take on the Birmingham Prison scandal: "Prison inspectors were horrified to see cockroaches, vomit, flies, human excrement, rat droppings and drug paraphernalia. It got even worse after they left New Street Station. "

MY eye was caught by the tale of the woman who lost a contact lens and assumed it had fallen out. Twenty-eight years later it was discovered by a surgeon removing a cyst from her eye. I bet there can't be many of us contact-lens wearers who do not lose one from time to time, usually for a few minutes. But I had a colleague who realised his rigid gas-permeable lens (the little hard-glass sort) had slipped into the space between eyeball and socket. He thought no more about it. Later, sitting in a bar on holiday, he felt something and assumed it was an insect on his cheek. Turned out to be the missing lens. And when I say "later," I mean 18 months later.

A NEW treatment for enlarged prostate glands takes only five minutes and will soon be available on the NHS. This miracle cure involves aiming jets of steam at the affected area. It goes without saying, in these cash-strapped times, that there will be long queues at the prostate-zapping clinics. Even so, chaps, do not try this at home.

BY some terrible mishap in February of this year, people got the idea that the Chief Constable of West Mercia, Anthony Bangham, was in favour of nicking speeders at just 1mph over the limit. It led to this statement from him: "Comments I made last week have led to a perception that the police are going to be pursuing and prosecuting drivers just one mph over the speed limit. That is not the case and was never advocated." Six months on, incredibly, Mr Bangham has again created the impression that he favours zero-tolerance policy. As Oscar Wilde might have put it: To be misunderstood once may be considered unfortunate. To be misunderstood twice looks like carelessness.

WE don't want people vaping on the buses, agreed? Whatever the health experts may tell us of its alleged benefits, vaping is just plain anti-social. It not only stinks but, worst of all, it shows exactly where the vaper's breath – great, billowing clouds of scented breath – is going. You are suddenly made unpleasantly aware that you are breathing in someone else's expelled air. Revolting.

INTERESTING to see that among the undoubted brilliance of University Challenge (BBC2), the youngsters did not know where the M1 motorway goes and thought the nation which provided sanctuary for the defeated Kaiser in 1918 was the UK. Brilliant at quantum physics, not so good at finding Leeds. Or Kaisers.

TALKING POINT

A waste of time, with service by jobsworths

MY green bin – i.e. the bin that is used for garden refuse – has not been very full of late, with no lawn cuttings, what with the scorched earth it has been instead. Ergo, there have been several collection rounds made by the appropriate binmen where my green bin has been absent.

My logical mind therefore put two and two together to get five and thought after clearing some debris and cutting back stuff that WAS growing in this recent interminable heat – resulting in four bin bags of extra greenery apart from one very full wheelie bin – there would have been no problem in the extra twigs, weeds and otherwise eminently crushable stuff, being chucked in the back of the lorry.

I'm pretty sure that before, when there was something extra put out for the boys in bright yellow, they scooped it up without a complaint. So when I arrived back from a hard day's toil to find the bags still stoically in place on the drive, I was a little disheartened.

Surely collectors could use a little initiative sometimes and think, well, a few extra bags won't matter, and just do the decent thing, even if it meant splitting the bags open and putting the plastic bits back in the wheelie bin, is that really too much to ask? In the meantime, I've since had to wait for the next collection day, two weeks later, and keep rotting vegetation in the garage next to the tumble drier.

I made damn sure that for the next collection ALL the said natural waste was reduced to a pulp in order to fit into my wheelie bin, without a hint of spillage over the rim at the top. It meant some death-defying rampant jumping up and down inside the bin holding onto an overhead eave, but what the heck? It all fit in and as a result, was whisked away.

One of these days I'm going to do myself an injury. I wonder how I'd get on if I did fall out of a wheelie bin? Could I sue the council? After all people trip over paving stones and get away with it.

And another thing, if I want to go down the tip and just drop off sundry items collected from a clear-out in bin bags, I don't see why I should have to sort them out into plastics, metals, cardboard etc., that way madness lies. Half the time it means actually disassembling items. Surely the tip chaps are there to do exactly that, otherwise what exactly are they doing?

Our household is obsessional when it comes to saving the planet. Our normal rubbish bin is barely used as everything possible is recycled. So I think we qualify for some semblance of charity from council operatives who are supposed to be working on our behalf. After all, what do we pay our council tax for?

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Water waste as leak not repaired

FOR the last few months, there have been, that I know of, two water leaks in the Dudley area, one at the junction of the road that leads to St Mark's Church, Pensnett, and the other in the centre of Commonside, at its junction with Bromley.

I personally have contacted Dudley Council at least twice regarding this. I cannot understand the system they use to refer to matters, neither can I understand why they tell me to contact South Staffs Water direct. Surely they have better means of doing this than I have? The leak by St Mark's was attended to a few weeks ago. For several days barriers were in place, and if my memory serves, there were traffic lights – a four-way system – causing chaos. But water is still running away. Years ago, my brother-in-law worked for a company that specialised in the repairing of water leaks. He would set about finding the leak by the old fashioned 'two twigs' method, dig a hole, find the leak, and repair it. So why cannot leaks be repaired by new methods – quickly.

PETER COLE
Kingswinford

No surprise work runs over time

THE time delay on the extension work at the Oldbury viaduct must be the most predictable announcement of the year.

Initially we were told it would take 18 months from April, 2017.

If it is finished by this time next year I will be pleasantly surprised.

Whenever I drive past at least half and possibly two thirds of the workers at road level are either standing about talking, leaning on a fence or walking slowly from one place to another.

If those working below the deck are as productive no wonder the work is running over time.

It must be costing industry millions in time lost as their vehicles are delayed.

MR T PRITCHARD
Halesowen

In breach of safety regulations

FOR most of my life I have pursued a healthy lifestyle, keeping fit into my 60s. But a couple of years ago I was diagnosed with a heart condition. The cause remains a mystery, but I have to live with it, relying on tablets and treatments.

I am appalled that Brexit could disrupt the flow of medications and drugs that I and many others depend upon. Armed with this knowledge, any caring government would remove the obstacles by staying in the customs union, ensuring frictionless trade, but it seems this uncaring Tory government will continue with their plan regardless.

From my knowledge of Health and Safety regulations, I believe any activity that places a person in danger must cease immediately. By leaving the customs union and taking such risks, I believe the government would be in breach of both EU and UK health and safety regulations.

MICHAEL CLIFF
Dudley

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Baroness joins fight

LEADING eye research charity Fight for Sight is launching a campaign to raise awareness of eye health and the desperate need for more research funding.

This is an issue close to my heart. Very many people of my age are starting to have difficulty with their sight and right now there are over two million people in the UK affected by sight loss – a figure set to double by 2050.

The answer lies in research. Breakthroughs have already led to pioneering treatments that have transformed people's lives – for example, cataract surgery which benefits hundreds of thousands of people every year.

However, eye research remains woefully underfunded. A Fight for Sight review shows that just one per cent of public grant funding went to this area last year.

I hope others will join me this week in supporting Fight for Sight to achieve the next breakthrough, so we can build a future where everyone can see.

RT HON BARONESS BETTY BOOTHROYD
House of Lords

Great support from Heathens

ON behalf of all the trustees and volunteers at Dudley Stroke Association I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Wolverhampton Speedway who made the FAST Golden Hammer event at Monmore Green on August 13 such a huge success.

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Major sport event to boost region's economy by £1.5bn

THE West Midlands will receive a £1.5 billion boost from the Commonwealth Games, according to experts.

A surge in visitor numbers and an increase in international trade will deliver the windfall for the region in the first year after the competition, former Treasury economist Chris Walker said.

The West Midlands is also expected to benefit to the tune of £500m from construction work before the 2022 competition, including a state-of-the-art aquatics centre in Smethwick, which will host swimming and diving events. The Alexandra Stadium will also be revamped.

The competition has been described as a 'golden opportunity' for the region.

West Midlands Mayor Andy Street said: "It is vital the Commonwealth Games leaves a legacy for the region.

"We are determined we do this through the transport investments we are developing, the housing that will replace the athlete's village and the sports facilities.

Golden

Dennis Hone, group board member for Mace, which conducted the research, and former chief executive of the Olympic Delivery Authority, said: "The 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham is a golden opportunity to use global sport and infrastructure investment to deliver transformational change, a positive lasting legacy and a boost to UK exports to the fast-growing countries of the Commonwealth.

"If we get it right, the 2022 Commonwealth Games will be so much more than just sport – they can represent a landmark period of change and growth for an entire region and help boost the UK's global trade post-Brexit."

Bus service on track for 2022 Games

BUS travel in Walsall, Sandwell and Birmingham is to be transformed in the run-up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The new tram-style buses will have off-board ticketing and multiple-door boarding as well as dedicated bus lanes and priority through areas of congestion. Details are revealed in plans for the first three Sprint routes to be built in time for the Games being held in Birmingham and parts of the Black Country.

One of the services will operate along the A34 between Walsall and Birmingham via Sandwell, with a journey time of 40 minutes or less, ferrying passengers between the athletes' village and event locations.

The Alexander Stadium and a newly-built aquatic centre in Smethwick will be key venues.

Former serviceman Donald Campbell now runs a chauffeur company

RAF career 'a blessing' for Donald

DOING acrobatics in a jet aircraft and meeting the Queen are just two of the many highlights of a 36-year career in the RAF for former survival equipment technician Donald Campbell.

He says joining the Royal Air Force, at the age of 18 in 1969, was 'a blessing' because it opened the door to many new experiences and led to him travelling the globe.

"Not many people get the chance to do acrobatics in a fast jet aircraft or travel in helicopters. I got so much more out of the RAF than I ever expected. I always tell people I went to the university of life," said the 67-year-old of Tipton, who took part in an event to mark the 100th anniversary of the RAF in Birmingham over the bank holiday.

Having a career in the RAF had been an ambition since childhood for Mr Campbell, who now runs a chauffeur company. He was responsible for fitting and servicing equipment used on Harriers and Tornados. His service saw him travel to Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Saudi Arabia, the Falkland Islands and the USA, and began with a tour of duty in Northern Ireland during the Troubles.

Teenage pair locked up for moped theft

TWO teenagers have been locked up after another youngster was threatened with a knife and had his moped stolen from a supermarket car park.

Thomas Jellyman was threatened with a kitchen knife with an eight-inch blade as he sat on his bike in the car park of Asda, St Lawrence Way, Darlaston, on August 26, 2016, Mr Richard McConaghy, prosecuting, toldf Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Jellyman reported the robbery to police. The moped was found a couple of days later with £35 cash untouched under the seat and the suspects were arrested soon afterwards.

A month later Mr Jellyman was approached by Sell – breaking the terms of his bail – in Walsall town centre and said he would get the keys back if he dropped the charges.

The trio, all aged 19 but 17 at the time, admitted being involved. Sell from Sandwell Street, Dudley, also pleaded guilty to attempting to perverting the course of justice and was given three years detention in a Young Offenders Institution.

Bell, of no fixed address, admitted possessing a knife and got two years four months detention. Parkes of Bassett Close, Willenhall, who played a lesser role and has mental health issues, was handed a suspended sentence of 16 months detention.

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Joy for Jo as shuttle service hits 5m mark

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Jo Aldred was presented with a gift voucher, flowers and a framed certificate as she stepped off the Stourbridge Shuttle – much to her surprise.

Mrs Aldred, who lives in Stourbridge, said she regularly uses the 0.8 mile service that runs between Stourbridge Town Centre to Stourbridge Junction and lays claim to being Europe's shortest branch line.

But the grandmother was given a shock when rail staff approached her to let her know the exciting news.

The 80-year-old said: "I use the shuttle regularly and it's a really useful and reliable service. It's wonderful. I can't walk that far and I like to go into town to meet people.

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"I was very surprised to be told I was the five millionth passenger, but I must have made many of those journeys myself, over the years."

Since they began operation in 2009, the award-winning service travels daily between Stourbridge's town and junction railway stations as part of the West Midlands Railway network.

It currently carries around 10,500 passengers per week covering 0.8 miles (1.3 km). Using innovative technology, the shuttle is renowned for providing a high-frequency, environmentally-friendly service as well as it being highly reliable and easy to access.

Mrs Aldred was presented with a gift voucher to shop in Stourbridge as well as a framed certificate and flowers at the celebratory event which took place at Stourbridge Junction Railway Station on platform one.

Jo Aldred became passenger number five million on the Stourbridge Shuttle

Peaky Blinders are on One

BLACK Country Living Museum-filmed drama series Peaky Blinders is making the move from BBC Two to BBC One.

The Bafta-winning show stars Cillian Murphy and Tom Hardy, and its latest run – the fourth series – was BBC Two's most-watched drama of 2017. It attracted an average consolidated audience of 3.3m, almost one million more than the previous series, the BBC said. The show, set in Birmingham in the aftermath of the First World War, is also one of the top three BBC dramas for 16 to 34-year-olds.

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Tea's up for blooming great night

Grange E Guild

GRANGE (E) Guild held their meeting at St Peter's Centre, Pedmore Lane, Pedmore on August 14.

Chairman Chris Holton gave a very warm welcome to 30 members and four guests. A summer tea party was held and no official minutes were read. Chris did remind everyone that final numbers were required for the National Carol Service being held in Hereford Cathedral on December 12th.

Food for the summer tea party was then served.

Following the meal, Chris introduced Sally Chadwick who created a beautiful flower arrangement and talked about all the flowers and foliage she was using naming them all.

The raffle was then drawn with many excellent prizes going to the lucky winners.

The next meeting will be at St Peter's Centre on September 11and will be our Harvest Supper.

The previous meeting on July 10 saw reasurer Jill Attwood give an up to date financial report.

Marlene O'Hanlon asked everyone if they would like to give a donation for project Gambia by purchasing a brick for 25p each to enable a new classroom to be built at a school in Gambia.

The Chairman then introduced the speaker for the evening Mrs Bodfish who gave a very interesting talk with slides entitled 'Edward and Mrs Simpson'. This was very much enjoyed by the members.

Musical and medical orchestral matters

Irene Smith, speaker Dr Jonathan White and Sylvia Cope

Dud S Ladies Lunch'n Club

CHAIRMAN Ann Rogers welcomed members to a three-course lunch at The Lodge, Wellington Road, Dudley.

Speaker was Dr Jonathan White, Medical Adviser to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Dr White had been a GP in Wolverhampton for over 30 years and although now retired he continues on a voluntary basis to advise young musicians and students on how to prevent injuries, to enable them to practise for many years.

Members were reminded that there would be no luncheon in August but instead were invited to a coffee morning at the Chairman's home on Friday 3 rd August 10.30am to 12.30pm.

This was also attended by MP Mike Wood and his assistant Alex; Councillors Patrick Harley and Peter Miller and Dudley South Division Secretary Martin Berrington.

The next luncheon is Friday, September 14 at The Lodge, when Maureen Wilde will be flower arranging.

Fostering an interest in life of care

Kingswinford TG

KINGSWINFORD TG met on August 13 in the Community Centre in High Street.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. A short period of discussion followed with members expressing their enjoyment of the Federation Annual Luncheon. Names were collected for those who would like to attend the autumn event, also organised by the Federation Committee.

Enid Fennell read the report of the council meeting held in July and several people declared an interest in the National Carol Service to be held in Hereford Cathedral. The details of the various sections' activities were announced, one of which was an afternoon at the Beacon Centre in November.

Our speaker was foster carer Mrs Meg Farmer. Next month's meeting is a harvest themed evening with hot dogs and cider.

Protesters win battle over plan for store

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a convenience store on the site of a former petrol station have been rejected by Dudley Council.

Planners turned down the proposals for a 3,800sqft store on Stream Road in Kingswinford, citing its detrimental visual impact and adverse impact upon pedestrian safety.

Dozens of objections from residents criticising the development had been lodged prior to the decision with more than 60 people signing a petition calling for the proposal to be stopped.

In a letter to developers, the council said: "It is considered that the size and scale of the proposed convenience store close to residential boundaries and gardens would have an overbearing and detrimental visual impact and would harmfully impact on the residential and visual amenity of occupiers of properties in Glynne Avenue and Arlington Close.

"The proposed development would fail to provide adequate off-street parking arrangements and would result in an adverse impact upon highway and pedestrian safety."

By Thomas Parkes

Councillor Peter Miller, who represents Kingswinford South, said the council had made the right decision.

He said: "I just think it was a bad plan full stop and in the wrong place. It's on a main road, one of the busiest roads in the borough, and very near to a busy junction. I think parking would've created so much danger with it being near to the junction."

He added: "It needs to be something in keeping with the area. It's essentially a gateway into Kingswinford and what really needs to go there is some nice houses in keeping with the rest of the area."

New Shovelicious is definitely delicious

Shovel Inn landlord with a pint of Shovelicious he created to mark the 2001st different ale he's put on at the pub

IT sold 72 pints in the space of a football match. And in a weekend it managed to sell out of its entire first run.

Drinkers at Lye's The Shovel Inn were celebrating the birth of a new beer and the release of the pub's 2,001st brew. Shovelicious sold 288 pints on its debut weekend. The 4.3 per cent pale amber beer has been brewed by Enville Ales especially for the pub.

Landlord Steve Hopkins is excited about its future. The 56-year-old, from Lye, said: "When I first took over in 2005 my aim was to be a little bit different. I have been in the industry since I was 11.

"We sold the first lot out in 90 minutes, it was really well-received. It is a heavy citrus ale with 80 per cent citrus hops in it. Some people were coming off some of the proven ales and going on to try my beer.

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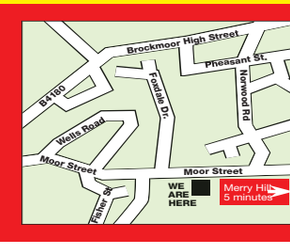

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Cave houses are voted among top UK locations

AN HISTORIC woodland ridge on the edge of the Black Country has been dubbed a "hidden gem" of the UK after day-trippers named it one of their must-visit destinations.

The Rock Houses at Kinver Edge, near Stourbridge, are well known for being the last troglodyte – caveman – dwellings occupied in England.

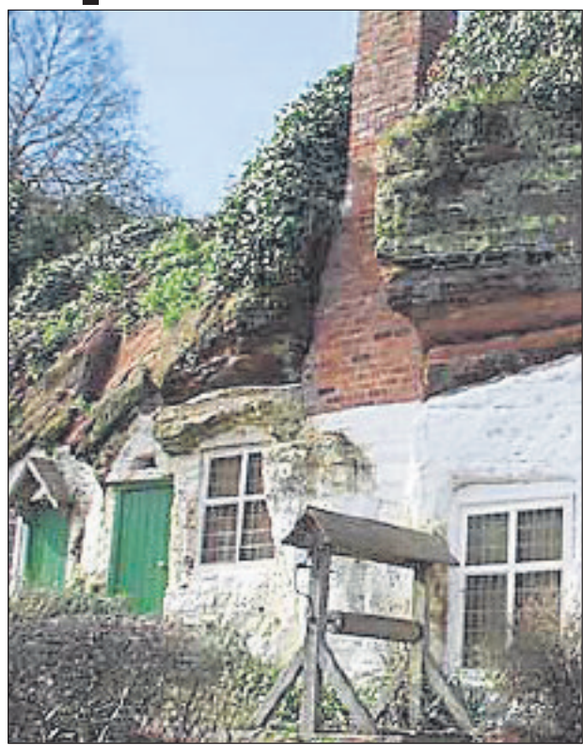
Owned by the National Trust, they are described as a place "with sweeping views, a wildlife haven in the heath and unique homes carved straight into the rock".

Following their restoration, visitors are now able to walk around the dwellings and see what life was like for inhabitants in different times, including the Martindale Caves, which have been restored to their 1930s appearance.

Family

A total of 1,400 people from across the UK were surveyed by housebuilder McCarthy and Stone to choose the nation's "hidden gems". Its aim was to find the UK's best locations and attractions for family days out, day trips or short breaks away, the voters ranged in age, gender and geographic demographics.

The Rock Houses proved itself to be a sought-after destination for people in the South East and West Midlands regions, and even claimed votes from the North East and Scotland. It won six per cent of the total votes, coming fourth overall after Cornwall's Minack Theatre in Porthcurno, which claimed 17 per cents, the Shell Grotto in Kent, 13 per cent, and Blakeney Point in Norfolk, 11 per cent.



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Heroes scale 200ft tower to rescue stranded man

RESCUE teams have been praised as 'heroes' after scaling a 200ft tower to reach a stranded and vulnerable man.

The man, thought to be in his 20s, had climbed the telecoms tower on Turners Hill in Oldbury.

Medics and the fire service's rope rescue team displayed 'amazing heroism' to bring him safely back down on Friday evening, police chiefs said.

The rescue operation started at about 6.30pm on Friday and lasted three hours.

Chief Inspector Jack Hadley of West Midlands Police, said: "Outstanding response to a stranded male in crisis. Amazing heroism shown by West Midlands Ambulance Service and West Midlands Fire Service's specialist rope rescue teams working together to rescue the man. Glad to say the brilliant response meant he got down safely and is now being supported. Much respect."

The rescued man is now in the care of a mental health team, paramedics said.

Meanwhile, on Saturday from around 6.40am, the M6 was closed for more than five hours at Junction 10 for Walsall after a man climbed over the railings on the bridge over the motorway.

Motorists faced 90-minute delays in both directions as many headed off for bank holiday breaks or sports events. The motorway was reopened around midday.

A police spokesperson said: "Specialist staff were at the scene to try and resolve the matter safely. This led to significant delays on the motorway and we apologise for this inconvenience."

Rescuers scale the tower in Oldbury. Photo: @JackHadleyWMP

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L/Cpl Onions received the Victoria Cross after he and Private Henry Eades took more than 200 German prisoners while on a scouting mission.'

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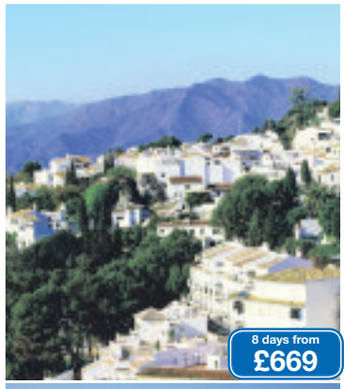

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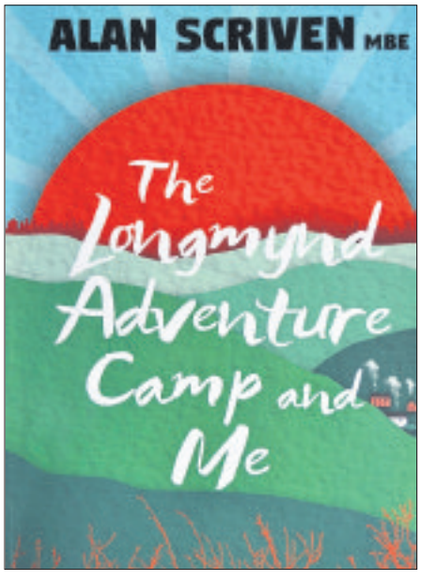
The original 'skipper' Bill Williams with youngsters during the 1977 camp

Boys take part in a sack race during a sports day in 1983

This is the life – youngsters eating a meal around an open fire in 1959



Alan's first book, The Longmynd Adventure Camp and Me

Holiday in hills which helped lads achieve a better Mynd-set for life

FIRST came the adventure in the hills, then came the thank you letters.

The young lads from underprivileged backgrounds in Wolverhampton, Birmingham, and the Black Country had never seen anything like it.

Plonked in tents in the shadow of the Long Mynd in the Shropshire Hills, they washed in a brook, sang round a camp fire, roamed the countryside, played games, and generally enjoyed the fresh air. This was the Longmynd Adventure Camp, which this year is celebrating its diamond anniversary.

The late Bill Williams was the Shropshire country policeman who started it all, with his idea of giving a camping holiday for underprivileged boys from the urban areas of the West Midlands. It linked up with a holiday scheme run by the then-Women's Voluntary Service.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Toby Neal

"Dear Mr Bill Williams, I'm so glad you had invited me to stay at the camp for 10 days. Thank you for the food that we had. Will you write back to say that we did see a ghost, because my mum doesn't believe me," wrote Andrew Buxton, of Shirley, Solihull.

"Dear Skipper, I hope you are feeling well. Thank you for the beautiful holiday that you gave me and for the songs that you learned me," wrote Clive Pearce.

And another letter, from a helper: "Dear Sir, As you can see by the above address (Her Majesty's Prison, The Dana, Shrewsbury) things have changed for me since our last meeting . . . I will always remember all the great songs we sang, especially your daughter Debbie's favourite, There's A Worm At The Bottom of the Garden. Brilliant! I am sorry for letting you down Mr Williams."

Bill was from a tough background himself. He was brought up in a two-up two-down terrace house in Wellington. With no water supply or bathroom, they had a tin bath, and the toilets were earth closets at the top of the yard. He was only five when his father died, leaving his mother struggling to feed and clothe the family on a widow's pension.

In the first camp some boys stayed in tents in the garden of his police house at Wistanstow, near Craven Arms, in 1958, which gave him the idea to run a venture which would give holidays to young boys who had never had one. Thanks to helpful farmers, from then on annual camps were held at a number of different locations in the shadow of the Long Mynd. At the time, Alan Scriven was a five-year-old living in poverty in a single-parent family at Fifth Avenue in Low Hill, Wolverhampton. When he first went to the camp in 1965 it was to change his life – so much so that he was to follow Bill as its 'Skipper' and the man known as 'Scriv' was to be awarded the MBE for his 33 years' involvement.

Alan, who worked for a time as a traffic manager, wrote a book detailing the story of the camp, but has now penned a follow-up, called More From The Longmynd Adventure Camp and Me. There was, incidentally, a girls' camp started around the late 60s which Alan says did not stand the test of time for various reasons, 'one of them being the unsatisfactory behaviour of the young ladies – bless them'.

Some of those from Bill and Alan's times are now planning a 60th anniversary celebration.

Alan, who lives in Moseley, Wolverhampton, writes: "The Longmynd Adventure Camp changed a lot of people's lives, not just the lads who were lucky enough to be selected. There were many kind souls who came along at different parts of the camp's life who willingly offered whatever they could to help the lads enjoy the experience." Alan's book is published by Heddon Publishing at www.heddonpublishing.com

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Legendary Hoy rides into venue

Olympic legend Sir Chris Hoy rides into Birmingham to talk about his new book and his incredible career in cycling.

One of Great Britain's most successful Olympic athletes of all time, the six-time gold medallist was voted 2008 BBC Sports Personality of the Year, and was knighted in 2009. In 2016 he added to his record list of achievements when he finished the Le Mans 24 Hours race on his debut.

Sir Chris's new book, How to Ride Bike is a compelling guide to becoming a fitter and faster cyclist, and he takes the stage at Birmingham's Town Hall on September 18, from 7.30pm, to give the low-down.

Tickets start at £18. See boxoffice@thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 4949.

Meanwhile, broadcaster Danny Baker is embarking on a series of 'one-night stands', with a stop-off in Birmingham included.

Good Time Charlie's Back comes after Baker successfully took Cradle to Grave out on the road, after which he vowed to never tour again. A dozen one-off shows were agreed instead and he will be at the Town Hall on September 17, from 7.30pm. Tickets are £22.50.

Adam Henson will take the Town Hall stage to share stories about his life, career and the running of the Costwold Farm Park on September 6, from 7pm.

The BBC Countryfile presenter will also give his thoughts on British Agriculture. Henson will answer audience questions and sign books. Tickets start at £20.50

La fille mal gardée cast

Stage is set for ballet

THE curtain will rise on Birmingham Royal Ballet's interpretation of Frederick Ashton's La fille mal gardée (The wayward girl) next month.

Ashton's Royal Ballet production began in 1959 when the British choreographer created a new version for the Royal Ballet of London.

The full-length ballet is an engaging story and has remained a firm family favourite.

It centres on country beauty Lise, who, when she falls in love with farm lad Colas, is about to upset the apple cart. Her mother, widow Simone, has her own ideas about who her daughter should marry. Enter Thomas, a pompous and wealthy vineyard owner, and Alain, his rich son – as good-looking as a potato and smart as a turnip as well as the proud possessor of two left feet.

So Lise has a choice to make a choice – the a loaded country bumpkin or penniless, hunky farmhand? Of course, there's no contest, but Simone has other ideas. Heels are dug in and sparks fly, as a mother-daughter battle of wills ensues. La fille mal gardée mixes spectacular classical ballet with slick comedy, a clog-dancing dame and a super-cute pony.

It runs at the Birmingham Hippodrome from September 26 to 29, at 7.30pm, each night, with a Thursday matinee at 2pm and a pre-performance talk on the Friday from 6.30pm. The final day will feature a touch tour at 10.30am, a class on stage at 11.45am, an audience open day at noon and an audio description matinee starting at 2.30pm. Tickets start at £16.

Egg-citing arena tour announced

Cirque du Soleil has announced a brand-new UK arena tour, OVO, and will perform in Birmingham in October.

For its UK debut in London in January, OVO officially became the highest-selling Cirque du Soleil performance run to visit the city. The tour comes to the Arena Birmingham stage from October 3-8.

The cast comprises 50 performing artists from 17 countries specialising in acrobatic acts. Among them is 'Black Spider', aka Alanna Baker from the United Kingdom, a gymnastics European champion in 2011 and a bronze medallist at the World Championships in 2012. Alanna, who has been training since the age of five, has travelled around the world with OVO and is now set for a return home.

Having thrilled more than five million people worldwide since it premiered in Montreal in 2009 as a Big Top show, OVO – Portuguese for egg – offers the same captivating production but on a larger scale.

OVO is a headlong rush into a colourful ecosystem teeming with life, where insects work, eat, crawl, flutter, play, fight and look for love in a non-stop riot of energy and movement. When a mysterious egg appears in their midst, the insects are awestruck and intensely curious about this iconic object that represents the enigma and cycles of their lives.

Tickets on sale now via the Cirque du Soleil website or at www.livenation.co.uk

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

MUSICAL TREATS IN THE NEW WELLINGTON

Musical fans from across the region are rubbing their hands together for a musical extravaganza with Live Entertainment Friday and Saturday Night.

The New Wellington in Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill, is not only treating its patrons to great entertainment it is also a great place to eat, drink and socialise.

Set on the main Stourbridge to Dudley Road, not far off Brierley Hill high street, the venue offers a carvery all day everyday from 12 noon to 8pm with a selected main menu from 5pm. With Kids eating Free throughout the school holidays. T's & C's apply

For the early started amongst us they also offer a buffet style all you can eat breakfast from 8am to 11am, which has been brought back by popular demand.

The New Wellington also offers a Disco and Karaoke every Friday night, So why not come down and have a sing along!!

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The pub is open daily between Sunday and Friday, from 12pm and 8pm and Saturday from 12noon to 9pm.

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The spokesman added: "Whether it's brunch, lunch or dinner you're joining us for, call to reserve your table on (01562) 850311."

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Why not come along to one of our New Members evenings and have a look at what we do behind the scenes. Evenings will be held on Mondays at 8.30pm on the following dates17/9/18 & 12/11/18 or contact us at admin@oldburyrep.org

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Barry, a dentist, and his wife Gen are in bed when this comedy begins. They are about to celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary and we see the couple discussing their marriage, family and work.
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AT YOUR LEISURE

Pop out for rollercoaster ride through the decades

Stars G and Kayla

Pop Music comes to the theatre, in the form of a play described as an emotionally contagious rollercoaster.

From Bruntwood Prize winner Anna Jordan, Pop Music is performed at the REP Birmingham from September 12 to 22 at 8pm most nights. The Monday, September 17 show starts at 7pm and there's a 2.30pm matinee on Thursday, September 20.

Tickets start from £10. Visit https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/whats-on/pop-music.html

G and Kayla's lives are a mess but they're determined to 'Have It Large'. Full of adrenaline and cheap Prosecco, the audience can follow them on an epic journey through 30 years of pop.

Can the DJ save them as they become Dancing Queens, reliving their Teenage Dream, Staying Out For The Summer and spicing up their lives? Pop makes promises it can't keep, and soon they'll discover they have more in common than their taste in tunes.

With an epic soundtrack featuring three decades of pop, expect Beyoncé, Spice Girls, Michael Jackson and more, as G and Kayla talk, twerk, drink and dance their way through the night.

All performances feature British Sign Language and captioning.

If Joe Lycett you should see him on home soil

Birmingham comic Joe Lycett is back on home soil for two upcoming dates during his 2018 tour.

Following 'If Joe Lycett Then You Should've Put a Ring On It' and 'That's the Way A-Ha A-Ha, Joe Lycett', the 30-year-old Hall Green-born funnyman is now on a 48-date tour called 'I'm About To Lose Control And I Think Joe Lycett'.

In 2012, his debut stand-up show 'Some Lycett Hot' was nominated for the Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards.

The comedian, who has featured on Live At the Apollo, 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, QI and The Royal Variety Performance, and was a contestant on the fourth series of Taskmaster, will be sharing jokes, paintings and some of the pathetic internet trolling he's been up to recently.

He performs at a sold-out Dudley Town Hall on September 7, from 8pm and at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham on November 12, 8pm. Tickets are £23.

The laughs continue with Comedy at the Cornbow, hosted by Dudley's Wayne Beese, described by Lycett as 'one of the best comperes I have ever had the pleasure of working with'.

Canadian tour-de-force Tom Stade and award-winning Alun Cochrane and Jo Enright feature on the bill at the Cornbow Hall, in Hagley Street, Halesowen on September 15.

Early bird tickets are £15 at www.ticketsource.co.uk/comedycornbow

Birmingham comic Joe Lycett

War Horse runs again at the Hippodrome

Following eight record-breaking years in London's West End, the National Theatre's acclaimed production of War Horse returns to Birmingham Hippodrome later this year.

War Horse has been performed to more than seven million people in 11 countries and was last in Birmingham five years ago. It is being staged from October 10 to November 3.

Based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, it tells of Albert, young Joey's beloved horse, who, at the outbreak of the First World War, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Soon, he is caught up in enemy fire and fate takes him on an extraordinary journey, serving on both sides before ending up in No Man's Land. Albert, still on his parents' farm in Devon, cannot forget Joey, and although too young to enlist, embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

At the heart of the moving drama are astonishing life-sized horses.

Tickets start from £29.50. See birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Arena date on Horizon for steel city rockers

Bring Me The Horizon will play Birmingham later this year.

The announcement comes after the quintet released the debut single Mantra from their upcoming sixth studio album, Amo.

The Sheffield rockers formed in 2004, fronted by Drop Dead owner Oliver Sykes. They released their debut album Count Your Blessings in 2006, which featured songs such as For Stevie Wonder's Eyes Only and Pray for Plagues.

The band began to break away from their deathcore sound with follow-up release Suicide Season in 2008, which was a creative, critical and commercial turning point for the band.

Their major label debut, Sempiternal, was released in 2013 and achieved gold certification in Australia and silver in the United Kingdom.

Bring Me The Horizon have received four Kerrang! Awards, including two for Best British Band and one for Best Live Band. The group will play Arena Birmingham on November 23.

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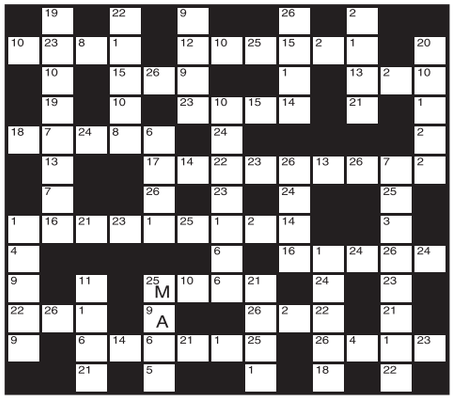
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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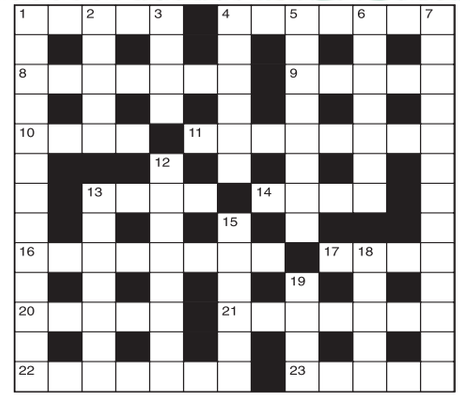
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Get to stretch of river (5)
4. 500 playing the piano, the asses! (7)
8. Coarser shopkeeper, we hear (7)
9. Serious accent (5)
10. With strings attached? (4)
11. Again rigid limit (8)
13. Get rid of hut (4)
14. Scold for speed (4)
16. To rig hut thoroughly perhaps (8)
17. Clean warhead with fire residue (4)
20. Assign everybody to return (5)
21. Indian Ocean island for a get-together again? (7)
22. Finish smaller, though going on for ever (7)
23. Newspapers feel the squeeze? (5)

Down

1. Correct until engagement, without any backlog at all (5,2,2,4)
2. Sailor takes poem home (5)
3. Does he have a great crowd to entertain? (4)
4. Obscure coffer in cavern (6)
5. Drink to sleep in? (5-3)
6. Inspect axe sent up to pit (7)
7. 000s of sugary endearments? (5,8)
12. Disparage command to avoid greatness? (8)
13. Paid the account and stayed there permanently (7)
15. Suitable wear for putting spirits down? (6)
18. A team apart (5)
19. Is it taken easily by camel-riders? (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Surpass (5)
4. Sorrow (7)
8. Part-exchange (5-2)
9. In competition (5)
10. Drill (4)
11. View (8)
13. Appendage (4)
14. Price (4)
16. Innocuous (8)
17. Basin (4)
20. Correct (5)
21. Intellectual (7)
22. Shreds (7)
23. Thick (5)

Down

1. Institution (13)
2. Professorship (5)
3. Sediment (4)
4. Divers (6)
5. Compartment (8)
6. Clear (7)
7. Forswear alcohol (4,3,6)
12. Drive out (8)
13. Flood (7)
15. Estimate (6)
18. Seas (5)
19. Old (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Pill-boxes; 8 Lime; 9 Compasses; 10 Patron; 11 Sleep; 14 Adorn; 15 Drop; 16 Treat; 18 Teal; 20 Again; 21 Local; 24 Bushel; 25 Corvettes; 26 Arms; 27 Foreshore. Down: 1 Elephants; 2 Emotional; 4 Iron; 5 Lapel; 6 Ousted; 7 Even; 9 Count; 11 Shell; 12 Preachers; 13 Spineless; 17 Tagus; 19 Louvre; 22 Aitch; 23 Go to; 24 Bear. QUICK - Across: 3 Impromptu; 8 Pond; 9 Originate; 10 Exempt; 11 Steer; 14 Elver; 15 Dawn; 16 Aloof; 18 Anew; 20 Evoke; 21 Wrath; 24 Beaten; 25 Contender; 26 Turf; 27 Refectory. Down: 1 Ephemeral; 2 Interview; 4 Mart; 5 Right; 6 Minded; 7 Tote; 9 Opera; 11 Sloth; 12 Raconteur; 13 Indemnify; 17 Fewer; 19 Writhe; 22 Tenet; 23 Poke; 24 Bear.

Quiz

1. Where is the annual British Showjumping Derby held?
2. Which great circle may be terrestrial or celestial?
3. In which US state is the Corning Museum of Glass, reputedly the world's finest collection?
4. Who directed The Wild Bunch in 1969?
5. For which motor racing team did Nigel Mansell drive (briefly) in 1995?
6. Which book of stories inspired Baden Powell to form the Wolf Cub division of the Boy Scout movement?
7. Which astronomical feature may be spiral, barred or elliptical?
8. What type of trader's traditional sign is three gold balls?
9. Which Christian festival commemorates the coming of the Magi?
10. What is a skua?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Gustave Flaubert; 2 Chloroform; 3 South Africa; 4 Universities; 5 Privet; 6 Rabbit; 7 Camille Saint-Saens; 8 Harpo; 9 Eucalyptus; 10 Gerald Durrell.

Niner: FATHERING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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543796 gives more flowers,
386716 gives bunches of flowers.

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SATURDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 1

CHOICE

Robbie Williams

The X Factor (ITV, 8pm)

New series. The search for the next music superstar gets under way as the talent contest returns. Heralding the start of a new era for the entertainment show, Robbie Williams, his wife Ayda and Louis Tomlinson join music mogul Simon Cowell on the brand new judging panel. Returning as host is Dermot O'Leary, who will be on hand to provide contestants with a word of advice - or a much-needed hug - as they perform in front of the judges. Also returning are the arena auditions at the SSE Arena, Wembley, with the hopefuls performing in front of a live audience.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadiya's Family Favourites. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Athletics: Diamond League – Brussels and Zurich Highlights. **3.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. (2011) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp.

7.35 Impossible Celebrities. The Rev Kate Bottley is among the 18 celebrities playing for charity in the quiz in which contestants compete for the chance to win money, with a single "impossible" answer knocking them out.

8.25 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman challenge four more teams of celebrity contestants to take part in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. This time, Lucy Porter teams up with Rob Deering, and Rachel Johnson joins forces with her father Stanley. John Shuttleworth unites with Dave Gorman, and Carol McGiffin throws her lot in with Charlotte Crosby. (R)

9.10 Casualty. Iain struggles to make a speech at Sam's funeral, only for Dylan to stop him mid-sentence and publicly blame him for her death. Elsewhere, Ethan treats a pedestrian who has been hit by a motorbike, while Alicia looks after her son, who is in shock. Blake and Jacob bond over their shared feelings for Sam.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Leicester City v Liverpool at the King Power Stadium and Burnley v Manchester United at Turf Moor.

11.45 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to preview the new NFL season, with the pundits offering their thoughts and predictions on the next six months.

12.15 Film: Fright Night. (2011) A teenager realises his neighbour is a vampire, and seeks the aid of a Las Vegas magician in slaying him. Comedy horror remake, with Anton Yelchin, Colin Farrell and David Tennant. **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Top Class. (R) **7.10** Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) **7.40** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. (R) **8.10** The Dengineers. (R) **8.40** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **9.10** Planet Dinosaur. (R) **9.40** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **10.00** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **11.00** Natural World. (R) **12.00** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Scrappers – Back in the Yard. (R) **3.30** Garden Rescue. (R) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R) **5.50** A Passage to Britain. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra. Katie Derham presents the final episode of 2018. Tonight's show has a double helping of Bernstein, with a look at On the Town and The Age of Anxiety. Plus, Simon Rattle conducting Ravel's L'enfant et les sortilèges and András Schiff playing Bach. Last in the series.

7.30 Eric & Ernie. Drama charting the early years of one of Britain's best comedy double acts, focusing on the influence of Eric Morecambe's mother Sadie (Victoria Wood). A chance meeting on the children's variety circuit sees the start of an unlikely friendship and Eric soon becomes the funnyman to Ernie Wise's "feed". But as they grow older, the duo struggle to make their way in mainstream entertainment with a few dubious tours and an ill-advised TV series that has the critics gunning for them. Daniel Rigby and Bryan Dick star as Eric and Ernie, with Jim Moir (better known to comedy fans as Vic Reeves) and Reece Shearsmith as their fathers. (R)

9.00 Morecambe and Wise in Pieces: The Sketches. Penelope Keith presents another edition of the occasional series, this time trawling the archives for the best of Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise's bite-sized routines from their shows. (R)

10.00 Film: Gone Girl. (2014) A man reports his wife's disappearance, only to end up under media scrutiny and accused of murder. David Fincher's crime thriller, with Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike.

12.20 Film: Mystery Road. (2013) Murder mystery, with Aaron Pedersen and Hugo Weaving. **2.15** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.15** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.30** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!'s Shiniest Showdown Ever. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.35** James Martin's American Adventure. (R) **12.00** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.05** £10k Holiday Home. (R) **1.35** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Catchphrase. (R) **2.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **3.30** The Chase. (R) **4.30** WOS Wrestling. **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 Big Star's Little Star. Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show in which the children of Una Foden, Kate Silverton and Kriss Akabusi spill the beans about their famous parents. Last in the series.

7.00 Celebrity Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity edition of the game show, asking Rob Beckett, Ruth Jones and Jordan Banjo to 'see it and say it' as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000 for their chosen charity.

8.00 The X Factor. New series. The search for the next music superstar gets under way, featuring a brand new judging panel of Robbie and Ayda Williams, Louis Tomlinson and Simon Cowell.

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. New series. The host returns for another helping of celebrity chat. With guests Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish, Mel Giedroyc, Rob Beckett, Dave Bautista and Jess Glynne.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Two Weeks Notice. (2002) A lawyer walks out on her job with a self-centred property tycoon, forcing him to pull out all the stops to win her back. Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant.

12.25 WOS Wrestling. (R) **1.15** Jackpot247. **3.00** Eternal Glory. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Simpsons. (R) **11.00** The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** Para Triathlon: Superhero Tri. **1.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** The People's Vet. **4.30** Channel 4 News. **5.00** Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.30 Speed with Guy Martin: Classic F1 Special. Guy takes part in his first-ever Formula 1 race as he goes head to head with 2009 world champion Jenson Button around Silverstone Grand Prix circuit. Guy is driving a classic 1983 Williams FW08c, working for six months with the Williams heritage Division to restore it from museum piece to racing condition, and learned how to drive Formula 1 style under the direction of Karun Chandhok, formerly of the Hispania Racing F1 Team, while Jenson takes to the track in a prototype six-wheeled Williams from the 1980s. (R)

8.00 Film: Oblivion. (2013) A repairman is assigned to salvage the remaining resources from Earth, which has been left a devastated wasteland after a war with an alien race. He discovers a human survivor on the surface of the planet, an encounter that exposes secrets from the past that threaten the future of the human race. Sci-fi adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman.

10.15 Film: Exodus: Gods and Kings. (2014) The adoptive brother of the pharaoh of Egypt tries to free the country's slaves during a series of plagues. Biblical epic, starring Christian Bale and Joel Edgerton.

12.55 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Imran's behaviour towards Misbah begins to improve, and Romeo and Prince are throw another rave. Meanwhile, Sami asks Ellie to travel around the world with him. (R) **3.05** French Collection. (R) **4.00** Village of the Year with Penelope Keith. The winning village from this week's heats is decided. (R) **4.55** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. Valuable items languishing in people's homes. (R) **5.50** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. Kirstie Allsopp tries her hand at needlecraft at the Great Yorkshire Show. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **10.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.45 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **3.45** Access. **3.50 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) Concluded.

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! High-court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face some tough decisions when they are given the task of repossessing a house in which a woman is living with two young children. They also pursue a debt of more than £25,000 and visit a tenant in a fashionable London borough who has not paid his rent. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Fourth Test in the five-match series, taking place at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Brunel's Britain: Master of Bridges. In a two-part series, Rob Bell explores the work of Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, exploring his complex personality as well as his prolific achievements. In the opening episode, Rob examines Brunel's first major project, the Thames Tunnel, before he went on to secure the post of official engineer to the proposed Great Western Railway. (R)

9.00 How the Victorians Built Britain. New series. How Britain was transformed during the Victorian era, including surprising stories behind iconic landmarks and the hidden heroes behind epic constructions.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

11.05 Lip Sync Battle US: Michael Jackson Special. Chrissy Teigen and LL Cool J invite Hailee Steinfeld, Taraji P Henson, Neil Patrick Harris and Laverne Cox to mimic the moves of Michael Jackson.

12.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham: Rise of the Villains. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Secrets of Our Living Planet **8.00** Lost Land of the Tiger **9.00** The Plague **10.45** Reading Festival 2018: The Best Bits **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.45** Jimi Hendrix: The Road to Woodstock **1.45** Secrets of Our Living Planet **2.45** Lost Land of the Tiger **3.45** Close

ITV2

12.50 You've Been Framed! Gold **1.25 Film:** Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams (2002) **3.30 Film:** Dirty Dancing 2: Havana Nights (2004) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** Dirty Dancing 2: Havana Nights (2004) **5.20 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **8.00 Film:** Rock of Ages (2012) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Rock of Ages (2012) **10.25** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25 Film:** Van Helsing (2004) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35 Film:** Van Helsing (2004) **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

3.05 Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) **4.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.00 Dirtquake VII **1.00** Storage Wars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Sandown. **4.00 Film:** The Train Robbers (1973) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** The Train Robbers (1973) **5.55** Mr Bean **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Tremors (1990) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Tremors (1990) **11.05 Film:** Crank (2006) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Crank (2006) **12.50** Better Late Than Never **1.45** Minder **2.35** Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Film: Tooth Fairy (2010) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Great British Bake Off **4.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **5.20** Extreme Cake Makers **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Pitch Perfect (2012) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.20** Tattoo Fixers **2.25** Rude Tube **3.15** Gogglebox **4.10** Rude(ish) Tube **4.30** Young & Hungry

Film4

1.00 Romancing the Stone (1984) **3.05** Titanic (1997) **6.50** Last Vegas (2013) **9.00** Red (2010) **11.15** Dracula Untold (2014) **1.05** Princess Mononoke (1997) **3.50** Close

SUNDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 2

CHOICE

Olivia Cooke

Vanity Fair (ITV, 9pm)
New series. Adaptation of William Makepeace Thackeray's novel about an amoral woman who cunningly manipulates her way to the top of Georgian high society, while the Napoleonic wars rage around her. Starring Olivia Cooke and Claudia Jessie, with Michael Palin appearing as Thackeray himself. Charlie Rowe, Johnny Flynn, Simon Russell Beale, Tom Bateman, Suranne Jones, Robert Pugh, David Fynn, Claire Skinner, Martin Clunes, Siena Kelly, Kerry Gilbert, Grace Schneider, Richie Campbell, Ben Fox, Rebecca Brewer, Bob Goody, Pieter Lawman, Ellen Attwell, Sarah Williams, Alice Kerrigan, Jenna Brook and Daniel Croucher also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.35** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Sunday Morning Live. **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Still Open All Hours. (R) **1.45** Hold the Sunset. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** Songs of Praise. **3.50** Fake or Fortune? (R) **4.50** Shop Well for Less? (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Steve Brown presents a guide to the Isle of Sheppey, a part of the country particularly close to his heart. He visits a family-run farm that is also a designated nature reserve, as well as going in search of wildlife, from wading birds in the wetlands to livestock on the saltmarsh. Plus, a selection of reports from the archives exploring Britain's marshlands. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the origins of two paintings by unknown artists dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries, which unusually for the period, depict black subjects. One is a portrait of Dido Belle, a famous former slave adopted into an aristocratic English family in the 1760s, while the other depicts two children against a tropical landscape, and is believed to have been painted as a protest against the slave trade.

9.00 Bodyguard. Julia's counter-terrorism bill draws even closer to becoming law while London is left reeling from the recent attacks. However, her ambitions stir up political rivalries, leaving David under even greater pressure to ensure her safety. The police are marginalised from the investigation into the terrorist attacks, which is placed under the control of the security service, and David is left unsure who to trust as his superiors put pressure on him to provide them with information on Julia's activities.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action.

11.35 Supermarket Shopping Secrets. (R)

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.00** Wastemen. (R) **3.00** Equestrian: Burghley Horse Trials. **5.10** Tribes, Predators & Me. (R)

6.10 Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. (1984) The intrepid archaeologist, with his young sidekick and a nightclub singer in tow, is stranded in India, where he takes on a mission to recover magical sacred stones from the hands of an evil cult engaged in human sacrifice and child slavery. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, starring Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw, Ke Huy Quan and Amrish Puri.

8.00 Dragons' Den. Self-made millionaires Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Touker Suleyman, Jenny Campbell and Tej Lalvani assess the profit-making potential of more would-be entrepreneurs' ideas, including a doctor who has invented a range of convertible clothing, a team of university friends with an online art platform, and a pair of hairdressers with a colour wash shampoo business.

9.00 Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon. The teams begins a 900 kilometre journey across Cambodia that takes three days to complete. Along the way, they drop in a market where insects and spiders can be bought as snacks and visit sites linked to the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime, including the S21 prison and the notorious Killing Fields. Fatigue and ill health starts to take its toll as they cross the border into Vietnam.

10.00 Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club. A glimpse into the world of high-profile divorce cases for the super rich, following two women as they battle with their former husbands for a share of their fortunes. (R)

11.00 Film: Kinky Boots. (2005) A man inherits a struggling shoe factory and finds salvation for his business in a drag artist's need for custom footwear. Comedy drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor.

12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Holby City. (R) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.15** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.30** NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Scrambled! Sketch Show. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball On Sunday. **9.25** The X Factor. (R) **10.35** WOS Wrestling. (R) **11.35** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **12.35** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **1.05** ITV News; Weather. **1.20 Film:** The LEGO Movie. (2014) Animated comedy, with the voice of Chris Pratt. **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes. Paul meets 13-year-old Amelie, who has been coming to the hospital since she was a baby, and eight-month-old Alexander, who was born profoundly deaf. (R)

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 5 Gold Rings. New series. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which contestants answer visual questions. The first episode features sisters-in-law competing against a married couple.

8.00 The X Factor. Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to win a recording contract.

9.00 Vanity Fair. New series. Adaptation of William Makepeace Thackeray's novel about an amoral woman's ascent through Georgian high society. Starring Olivia Cooke.

10.05 The Imitation Game. New series. Alexander Armstrong hosts the panel show, with Rory Bremner, Debra Stephenson, Luke Kempner and Jess Robinson taking on impressions-based challenges.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Our Everest Challenge: With Ben Fogle and Victoria Pendleton. Documentary following broadcaster and adventurer Ben Fogle as he faces the challenge of a lifetime, alongside Olympic gold medallist Victoria Pendleton, to scale Mount Everest. (R)

12.05 Monster Carp. (R) **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motorsport: Caterham. **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Para Athletics: European Championships. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Peng Life. (R) **2.00 Film:** Hulk. (2003) Comic-book adventure, starring Eric Bana. **4.40** The Great British Bake Off. (R)

6.00 Extreme Cake Makers. New series. A baker is challenged to make a flamingo-shaped cake with edible feathers made of paper, while a former helicopter pilot creates edible teddy bears for Armed Forces Day, hand-carved from 11 kilos of chocolate cake and covered in 25 kilos of fondant. A third baker makes an elegant three tier floral wedding cake made from pistachio, cardamom and rose flavoured sponge.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.45 Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones and David Coulthard present action from the 14th round of the season, which took place at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza. Lewis Hamilton was aiming to equal Michael Schumacher's record of five victories in this race and gain an edge in his championship battle with Sebastian Vettel in the process.

9.00 Film: Jack Reacher: Never Go Back. (2016) Premiere. When the commander of his old military unit is arrested on trumped-up spy charges, vigilante Jack Reacher investigates. Action sequel, starring Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders and Danika Yarosh.

11.20 Film: A Bigger Splash. (2015) A rock star recovering from surgery finds her peaceful Mediterranean retreat disrupted by the arrival of a former lover. Drama, starring Tilda Swinton and Ralph Fiennes.

1.35 60 Days in Jail. (R) **2.25** The Supervet. A 10-month-old golden retriever undergoes groundbreaking treatment. (R) **3.20** French Collection. Three rivals upcycle items from a French market before selling them in Brighton. (R) **4.15** Village of the Year with Penelope Keith. The judges visit Rutland, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Co Derry. (R) **5.10** The Posh Frock Shop. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.40** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.50** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.00** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Rusty Rivets. **7.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.10** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.25** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **8.45** Pirata & Capitano. **9.00** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.15** Floogals. (R) **9.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **10.40** Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.35** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) **3.30** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) **4.30** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R) **5.25** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R)

6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Agents in central London try to recover almost £1,900 owed in parking fines, while officers Stewart and Vic chase over £2,200 owed by a scrap yard owner. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Fourth Test in the five-match series, taking place at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 That's So 1980. An entertaining look back at events of 1980, a year politics met sport when the USA boycotted the Moscow Olympics. There was a taste of terrorist acts to come when the Iranian embassy in London was besieged prior to being stormed by the SAS in front of a live TV audience. Plus, Lady Diana Spencer emerged as a favourite of the paparazzi, B-movie actor Ronald Reagan beat Jimmy Carter in the US presidential election and prime minister Margaret Thatcher delivered her "The lady's not for turning" speech. New developments in consumer technology saw the release of Pac-Man and the UK launch of the Sony Walkman. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 Most Shocking Moments in Pop. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham: Rise of the Villains. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms 2018 **8.30** The Gardeners of Kabul **9.00** Hull's Headscarf Heroes **10.00** The Last Testament of Lillian Bilocca **10.30** France: The Wild Side: Natural World **11.30** Storyville: The Golden Age of Circus – The Show of Shows **12.45** Scotland's Vital Spark: The Clyde Puffer **1.45** Going Going Gone: Nick Broomfield's Disappearing Britain **2.45** The No.5 War **3.40** Close

ITV2

12.40 Ninja Warrior UK **1.40** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.45** The X Factor **4.05 Film:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15 Film:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) **6.20 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **9.00 Film:** American Pie: Reunion (2012) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** American Pie: Reunion (2012) **11.15** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.40** Ghosted **2.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.05 Inspector Morse **3.30** Rosemary & Thyme **5.05** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Les Dawson Forever **11.00** Wire in the Blood **12.25** A Touch of Frost **2.20** Road to Avonlea **4.00** Judge Judy **4.40** George and Mildred **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

3.45 Storage Wars **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **9.00 Film:** First Blood (1982) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** First Blood (1982) **11.05 Film:** Born to Raise Hell (2010) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Born to Raise Hell (2010) **1.10** Minder **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.35** Young Sheldon **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **7.10 Film:** Paddington (2014) **9.00** Krypton **10.00** Fear the Walking Dead **11.00** Gogglebox **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.30** Krypton **2.25** Fear the Walking Dead **3.10** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Rio (2011) **1.00** Mirror Mirror (2012) **3.10** Epic (2013) **5.20** The Two Faces of January (2014) **7.15** Men in Black II (2002) **9.00** Risen (2016) A Roman officer is charged with investigating reports of Jesus' resurrection in the aftermath of the crucifixion. Biblical drama, starring Joseph Fiennes and Tom Felton. **11.10** Friends with Benefits (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Justin Timberlake. **1.20** The Stag (2013) **3.15** Close

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Citroën's upmarket plans for C4 Cactus

By Carmel Stewart

Some C4 Cactus customers were a little prickly when it came to the bubble wrap Airbump panels which adorned the sides of the original model. Personally, I thought they were distinctive and hinted at a fun drive but what do I know?

For the second-generation compact hatchback, Citroën bowed to pressure and reduced those tough, air filled polyurethane bump strips to slender strips. In fact, only 10 per cent of all the original exterior body components have been retained for this model.

Experience

A new look front end now boasts LED daytime running lights, sharper headlights and additional chrome highlighting together with body coloured bumper side scoops, all ensuring a clear delineation between the old and the new.

The driving experience has also changed thanks to the addition of progressive hydraulic cushion suspension which adjusts in stages to match the road surface, advanced comfort seats with high density foam and noticeably larger squabs (ie the bit you sit on).

Better cabin soundproofing has been achieved through the addition of an acoustic windscreen, thicker glass, new door seals and improved sound insulation round the engine housing.

But not everything has changed – thank goodness. The new Cactus has retained the funny little rear quarter window opening-ratchet release and push – just enough for a breath of fresh air.

All apps and info are on a touchscreen

Technology on the new C4 Cactus includes active safety brake and blind spot monitoring – an increasingly useful aid in these days of undisciplined motorway driving – park assist and a reversing camera, plus hill start assist, grip control and fog lights with a cornering function. All are evidence of the market this new car is aimed at.

And watch out for the 'take a break' flashing cup and saucer which appears on the dash when you have been on the road for more than two hours.

The all-important connectivity – in this case via MirrorLink – is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. All apps and info are contained on a seven-inch touch screen. DAB radio and Bluetooth are standard on all models.

For those who like to make their mark on a car, there are 31 exterior combinations – nine body colours combined with four body packs plus four different designs and materials for the interior.

The latest C4 Cactus has a new look front end, LED daytime running lights, sharper headlights and additional chrome highlighting

Needless to say, the engine range has also been revised. A new PureTech 130 petrol with six-speed manual transmission, has been added to the list to run alongside the PureTech 110 with manual or automatic gearing and the Blue HDi 130. Truth to tell, the 1.5litre diesel was hard work and far less agile than the 1.2litre 130 petrol which hummed along very nicely.

On the road, the hydraulic suspension, while not able to iron out every rut and bump, certainly makes a difference and, combined with the optional wider, advanced comfort seats, adds up to a smooth driving experience which borders on fun – despite those smaller airbumps.

Three different trims are on offer – Feel, Feel Edition and Flair. Prices start at £17,265 for the Feel Edition – a special introductory launch version powered exclusively by the PureTech 82 with five-speed manual gearing. Feel starts at £17,965 and the top of the range Flair at £19,865. So, not cheap but a price point which clearly demonstrates Citroën's upmarket intentions with this model.

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Due to growth at the company, a new member of the team has been to join the family run business on Dudley Road, Halesowen. Julie Butlin joins the aftersales team, having previously worked for Vauxhall for some 26 years.

Julie has great knowledge of the motor industry so she will add expertise and quality to the customer experience in the servicing department at Halesowen Motor House. "I am looking forward to meeting the customers, new and existing. I'm excited about working with new car brands like Ford and Suzuki plus all makes and models."

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Julie is a local, family woman herself; she has two daughters and two grandchildren. This year, she celebrates her 26th wedding anniversary. Julie says since starting at Halesowen Motor House two months ago, she is "delighted by the friendly and fair nature of the company." Julie also said "I'm impressed with the knowledge of the staff here, the fully trained technicians and the high standards of the latest equipment for servicing cars and vans."

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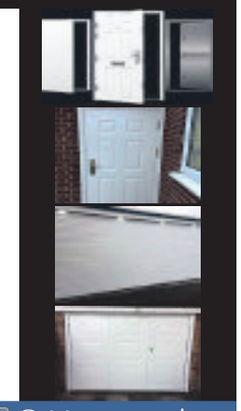

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Ready for action: Walsall Ladies' open age senior side face the camera

Mayor Marco Longhi and ex-Saddler Mark Gillespie open the 3G facility at Walsall West E-Act Academy last year

Walsall's under-14s line up after a donation from the M6 Toll

A 2005 presentation to the club for £8,360 from the Football Foundation

Joy for Ladies as they kick off 20th season

WALSALL LADIES Football Club have cause for celebration even before a ball is kicked this season after hitting another milestone.

The club, affiliated to the League One Saddlers, are about to embark on their 20th campaign as they continue to go from strength to strength under the guidance of the man who has been there from day one, chairman Brian Simpson.

The forthcoming campaign will see Walsall run a senior side in the Staffs County League and with teams at under-9, 11, 13, 15 and 16 age groups.

They also boast some impressive facilities on which to display their ball skills at West Walsall E-Act Academy, in Primley Avenue. The club and school have formed a winning partnership with a 3G pitch installed last year which is now used by all of the Walsall sides and the envy of their rivals.

The school has been the Ladies' home for more than a decade and the club played a leading part in bringing about the new facility. It was made possible thanks to a grant from the Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund, delivered by the Football Foundation.

Development

The then Saddlers goalkeeper Mark Gillespie helped to cut the ribbon on the new facility, along with Walsall Mayor Marco Longhi in August last year.

Founded in 2000, the Football Foundation funds the development of new and refurbished grassroots sports facilities.

Since it was launched, it has awarded around 15,000 grants worth more than £580m towards improving grassroots sport, which it has used to attract additional partnership funding of more than £800m.

Academy headteacher Qamar Riaz said on its unveiling: "We are delighted to have received the investment, from the Football Foundation which has enabled the new 3G pitch to be available to our local community."

Meanwhile Simpson is delighted to see the Ladies club thriving, with a turnout of more than 250 people at the end of the season awards night providing further evidence they are on the up.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

"I keep saying I am going to step down and then something happens and I carry on. But I enjoy it and we are a football-mad family."

"Our first season was in 1999 and we are really proud of what we have achieved," said Simpson. "I can't think of another girls and ladies set-up around here that has been going so long.

"Over the years, firstly as Great Wyrley and now as Walsall, we have seen in excess of 1,000 girls and women play football for us.

"We have had success with some of our girls gaining scholarships to play football in America and a couple progressing through the ranks and going on to play for England at various age groups.

"It's difficult at times because we have Wolves, Albion, Villa and Birmingham around us who all have academies.

"We have lost a couple more girls to academies this year and while we are obviously pleased to see them progressing, it can be a bit soul destroying at times when players you have had from the age of six move on at 14 or 15. But we keep going and keep working hard."

Indeed, there has been plenty of hard work from Simpson and his family over the years. He got involved with girls football when his daughter Donna played at Kidderminster, but the family links don't end there.

"I got involved when Donna was at Kidderminster and ended up running the side," he said. "Then when this club got up and running I took on the chairman role and my wife Christine was secretary.

"She did that until she passed away five years ago and Donna is secretary now.

"My son-in-law Neil is vice-chairman and my granddaughters are also involved. Alisha and Amelia play for the under-15s and under-9s, while the other one, Esme, will be starting to play soon.

"I keep saying I am going to step down and then something happens and I carry on. But I enjoy it and we are a football-mad family."

Creating a 'family feel' is key for Simpson and he believes it has been a key ingredient in the club's success.

"We had over 250 people at our end of season presentation night – it was a really good evening," he said.

"There is a real family atmosphere here and a real bond between the officials players and parents.

"You have to get a good balance at a club. You can't take things too seriously. The girls have got to enjoy their football and the parents have to enjoy being part of the club as well," said Simpson.

More youngsters will be coming through the door this season after Simpson unveiled plans to start a 'Wildcats' section for girls aged between four and six.

Prospering

At the other end of the age scale, Holly Gayler is in charge of the senior side along with Samantha Simpkins. "We want to run sessions for four to six-year-olds and they will run alongside our training sessions on Tuesday nights at the E-Act Academy," said Simpson.

"We are looking to the future and want to have sides running all the way through to the senior side.

"Girls football seems to be prospering at the young age groups although it's a lot more difficult to recruit from the age of 15 upwards.

"The senior side was reformed last year and finished just below mid-table.

"Holly has stepped in to form a management team with Sam, who wants to concentrate more on playing."

The club, which was afforded Charter Standard status in 2002, are looking for players for the forthcoming season and also anyone interested in sponsoring them.

Anyone interested in joining the senior set up should contact Samantha Simpkins on 07782 830359.

For information on the club's other age group sides or sponsorship, contact Brian Simpson on 07817 785690 or email walsallladiesfc@gmail.com

Denny lines up for latest title challenge

ROWLEY Regis fighter Tyler Denny takes on Reece Cartwright for the English Middleweight Title at Walsall Town Hall next month.

The Midlands Area champion, 27, a product of Old Hill Boxing Club in Cradley Heath, headlines BCB Promotions' latest Town Hall show on September 22 as he bids for national honours.

Co-challenger Reece Cartwright, from Leeds, has racked up 22 bouts at pro at the age of 24, with 21 wins and 12 TKOs to his credit.

The under-card features home favourite James Beech Jr, an undefeated super bantamweight prospect, 21 from Bloxwich. Another Walsall pugilist, Levi Ferguson, also features, while Ryan 'Stewart' Davies, a former kickboxer from Tividale, will be looking to rebound from his first pro defeat. Flyweight 'Pocket Rocket' Dani Hodges, from Burntwood, former national amateur champion Connah Walker, of Wolverhampton, and ex-kickboxer Troi 'the Hawk' Coleman completes the line-up.

For tickets, call the town hall box office on 0845 111 2900.

Noah earns call-up for Laser Run squad

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager has been selected to be part of the Laser Run squad at the 2018 School Games. The national multi-sport event for the UK's most talented school-age athletes takes place at Loughborough University from August 30 to September 2.

Noah Sandland, aged 13, a student at the Ounsdale High School and is a member of the Black Country Triathletes, and will compete for the u-14's England Midlands squad in the Laser Run. He has previously competed in both the West Midlands and National Biathlon Championships.

More than 1,400 athletes will compete across 11 sports at the School Games. Laser Run is one of five new disciplines, along with canoeing and rowing, netball and triathlon.

Sandland will experience the excitement of competing at the highest level, living in a dedicated Athletes' Village on the Loughborough University campus, taking part in an School Games ceremony and performing in front of huge crowds of spectators.

Lions roar into action for inaugural contest

BIRMINGHAM takes centre stage for the first ever club-led international Women's American Football tournament this weekend.

After coming home from Finland with the inaugural Diamond Bowl trophy, Britain's quintuple champions Birmingham Lions, now hope to cement their position as an international forced to be reckoned with.

From tomorrow (Friday), until Sunday. Lions welcome the New-York Sharks and Helsinki Wolverines to UK shores for the first ever Pro-Cloud Transatlantic Trophy. Matches will be held at the University of Birmingham, with New York Sharks and Helsinki Wolverines kicking off the tournament at 7.30pm tomorrow.

Defeated by the Lions in 2017, the Finnish outfit will be looking to even the score come 4pm on Saturday when the teams meet again. The hosts will then close proceedings against the Sharks, kick off 2pm on Sunday.

Fifty per cent of the tournament profits will go towards providing Critical Care Ambulances with the latest life-saving technology.

Sport

Ladies' team pitches in to embark on 20th season

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Glassboys hit for six in first defeat

Coalville Town 6 Stourbridge 4

STOURBRIDGE were hit for six to fall to their first defeat of the season.

Glassboys staged a stunning recovery after going three goals down in the opening minutes but still finished up on the wrong end of this 10-goal thriller.

Within six minutes, Alex Dean delivered a pin-point cross for Joe Doyle-Charles whose goalbound header was parried out by goalkeeper James Wren into the path of Tolani Omotola who made no mistake from close range.

Two minutes later Tim Berridge swept through a wafer thin defence to fire home before Dean added a third on 16 minutes after getting the better of Stourbridge defender Paul McCone.

Stourbridge incredibly drew level just after the half hour mark. first when Coalville's Kyle Bryant needlessly headed over hiw own stranded goalkeeper Max Smith-Varnan. New signing Callum Powell provided the opening for Greg Mills to make it 3-2 on 29 minutes and Luke Benbow equalised. Coalville were back in front by half time, thanks to an Andrew Wright penalty. Stour clawed themselves level again on the hour mark when Leon Broadhurst headed home a Rob Thompson-Brown cross.

Coalville went onto clinch the points with two more goals in as many minutes. Scott McManus put Coalville back in front on 69 minutes with a header and Tom McGlinchey completed the scoring.

The Chronicle went to press before Tuesday's No 9 derby between Stourbridge and Halesowen Town.

Visitors wade in to claim a point against the Yeltz

Halesowen Town 1 Biggleswade Tn 1

HALESOWEN warmed up for this week's No 9 Derby with a point against Biggleswade.

Yeltz had to settle for a point on Saturday after their first-half lead was pegged back by the unbeaten visitors.

The first half was a tight affair although Matthew Ball fired a loose ball over the Yeltz bar from the edge of the area after 24 minutes and tireless home striker James Roberts worked clear down the centre after 26 minutes but dragged his low shot inches wide.

Halesowen took a 1-0 advantage in the 37th minute when Roberts' shot from a right-wing throw-in was blocked, but Ahmed Ali turned home the rebound with the help of a deflection.

The Waders deservedly equalised in the 66th minute when Ball found space down the left to cross for Jonny McNamara to be blocked in front of goal but Peter Clark was able to slam the rebound into the roof of the net.

Biggleswade almost snatched a 90th minute winner when Brett Donnelly hit the post and Clark put the rebound wide.

From Black Country to the Big Apple

Trent Seven and, right, Tyler Bate

FROM the Black Country to the Big Apple, Wolverhampton's Trent Seven and Dudley's Tyler Bate are leading the World Wrestling Entertainment's UK brand NXT – giving it a global audience and putting the Black Country on the map.

The duo, known as Moustache Mountain, are former NXT tag team champions and have now taken the fight State-side.

The NXT TakeOver: Brooklyn event saw the pair fail to reclaim their tag team title from The Undisputed Era team of Kyle O'Reilly and Roderick Strong in front of almost 15,000 fans. Trent and Tyler won the title in London in June before a rematch saw former champs O'Reilly and Strong take it back.

The Black Country duo failed to reclaim the title in New York in the third meeting between the rival pairs.

Trent said: "It's bizarre going from Wolverhampton to places like New York. No-one knows Dudley or Wolverhampton but we're glad to be flying the flag for the area.

Tyler added: "I want to become the most famous person from Dudley. I already have more followers than Lenny Henry on Twitter."

DK BEAT RIVALS TO PROGRESS

DK 20 Halesowen 12

FOR this preliminary round of the North Midlands Cup, the evening began with a minute's silence for former DK President Graham Robbins, who passed away during the close season.

Graham was such an integral part of match days at Heathbrook and will certainly be a hard act to follow.

The tie with near neighbours Old Halesonians allowed the game to be played under the Heathbrook lights and avoided the Bank Holiday.

DK gained the initiative early due to dazzling run by Tommy Walker on the DK left from near the halfway line. His progress was halted but the ball was recycled and offloaded to Matt Perks who strode to the line. Sam Vaughan opened his account with the conversion.

Overlap

Moments later DK added a second try with Perks crossing again, but the conversion was missed.

Vaughan kicked a penalty to give DK a 15-0 advantage which they held at the interval.

Iin the opening moments of the second half Old Hales engineered an overlap on their right and scored in the Wanderers corner, no conversion.

DK steadied the ship and were back in business when Matt Squire broke a tackle and headed for the line. He was felled just in front of the posts, but the support was there. Ben Brown played a one-two with Matt Grive and drove for the line. Vaughan's conversion attempt was missed.

Matt Grove and drove for the line scoring in the corner Sam Vaughan failed from wide out, 20-5 to DK.

Old Hales put in a late charge, and it was from one of these scrums that the referee awarded a penalty try.

DK will now face Bournville at their new ground in October. The season starts on Saturday at Sutton Coldfield.

Staffs boys bag T20 spoils

Staffs Clubs claimed the Black Country Floodlit T20 spoils

THE Staffs Clubs stars shone under the floodlights to upset the odds and claim the Black Country Floodlit T20 spoils.

The league's representative side outplayed Birmingham League Premier outfit Wolverhampton in the final to round off another hugely successful week for the popular competition.

Spinner Dave Stibbon bagged the man-of-the-match award after picking up three wickets as Wolverhampton fell for 125 before half-centuries from Faizan Khan and Jimmy Howell saw Staffs to a nine-wicket success. To cap a fine five days for the Staffs Clubs XI, skipper Howell walked away with the MVP accolade.

Not even an unwanted shower on final night could put a dampener on proceedings as the competition continues to go from strength to strength.

Staffs Clubs and Wolverhampton had overcame the challenge of Brewood, Stourbridge, Halesowen and hosts Himley to earn a shootout for silverware. Himley stalwart Greg Wright, the man who came up with the idea of a floodlit competition nine years ago, was delighted to see a new name on the trophy.

"It's great to have new winners of the competition," said Wright.

League gets boost from sponsors

OFFICIALS of the Beacon Sunday Football League have received a double boost on the eve of the new campaign, writes Dave McLean.

A last ditch plea to fill a late team vacancy brought an immediate response with not one, but two new clubs joining the ranks of this popular afternoon league.

The BSFL will now kick off the 2018/19 season on September 2 with no fewer than 19 teams, an increase of four on the number that completed last season's programme.

It will enable the league to operate with two league competitions and three cup contests, starting with the Redbox Signmakers Beacon Championship, featuring ten clubs, and the newly established Paycare Development Division (nine clubs).

Such has been the continued success of the BSFL, the new term will also see a boost in sponsorship.While Redbox Signmakers are extending their support for a third campaign, the launch of a development section has attracted sponsorship from Wolverhampton-based Paycare and The Sports Shop, Kingswinford, will sponsor the Clinton Cup.

Stourbridge eye on division three title

STOURBRIDGE remain on course for the Division Three title but Rugby seem determined to push them all the way to the end. The two sides meet at Rugby on September 8, where a win for Stourbridge would, surely, settle the debate in favour of the side from Amblecote.

On Monday, Stourbridge struggled, early on at Old Elizabethans, slipping to 125-6 before 104 from Nathan Crudeli and 65 from Dominic O'Reilly lifted them to 250-9. Alex Bastable took 5-50 for OEs, but impressive spells from Hasnain Nawaz (5-15) and Jitesh Jivan-Patel (3-18) ended their resistance on 92.

A clinical Kidderminster bowling display saw Himley dismissed for 139 at Chester Road, with only Callum Lea (51) scoring more than 17 for the visitors. Neil Pinner took 4-32 before a quick-fire 46 from Matt Pardoe set up a five-wicket victory. Dan Durman finished with 3-37 for Himley, who should avoid relegation.

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Also available is the Trident range, the ultimate in energy saving performance and the only product which is purpose-made and triple-glazed. If you want something different, look at the ever-popular Wodehouse Window, the perfect choice for a modern look or a more traditional design. Aluminium Bifold doors historically suffer from poor energy ratings. Wombourne Windows' third generation bifold doors really have no equal and are not only energy efficient, but new enhanced security makes them the only sensible choice for home owners.

Most of us would love more space and light in our homes and there's no better way than a quality conservatory or orangery. Conservatories and orangeries offer more benefits than you might think. forget everything you think you already know; Wombourne Windows' advanced technology and materials change everything.

Mr and Mrs Chandler commented" *From start to finish, they were excellent and were very pleasant and cheerful. Our windows are beautiful and we would tell anyone to use Wombourne Windows."*

The spokesman added: *"Come and view the full range of products at our newly refurbished showroom and see for yourself why Wombourne Windows are market leaders for all your window, door, conservatory and orangery requirements."*

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Crucial questions to consider before buying...

Choosing a company for home improvements can be fraught with potential problems at every turn.

Honesty is always the best indicator of what is promised will be received. This starts with the initial visit by the company's sales person and what they tell you about the company they represent. A common misrepresentation is the age of the business, no one wants to tell you they have only been trading for a short period of time. We at Wombourne Windows have traded consecutively for 36 years year on year.

A great government website to check this out and any other companies you are considering using is **www.companieshouse.gov.uk** Type this address in, click on the web check then just enter the name of the company you are considering.

With the onset of social media and the constant ability to review organisations online this can sometimes distort the facts. With the internet being such a powerful tool but totally unregulated and policed it can be abused to either project an image of perfection which we all know to be impossible or alternatively attempt to tarnish the reputation and image of another company by dishonest actions.

At Wombourne Windows we feel the only true measure of our work comes from our own customers. With this in mind you can read all of our customer's unbiased reviews diligently managed by Fair Trades. www.homepro.com/profile?BID=15018

In this day and age the quality and sustainability of the materials used within the industry mean that as the regions premier home improvement company we now offer a 20 year warranty with all of our products.

This from a company that has served the community for the last four decades with over 150,000 completed installations.

A new consumer guide has revealed how to select the right company to fit the perfect conservatory for your home. Britain is a nation of proud homeowners and one of the best ways to enhance the look and feel inside your home is by adding a conservatory.

Apart from the extra space, a huge benefit of having a conservatory is the value it adds to your property.

Did you know according to the Land Registry home price index, conservatories add 7.5% to the value of your home? This is more than kitchens at 4.6% and bathrooms at 2.88% combined.

There are many uses for conservatories, one of which is turning it into a dining area. Imagine enjoying quality time around the dining table with family and friends, creating those unforgettable memories on birthdays, anniversaries and festive celebrations.

Avoid making costly mistakes

Far too many home owners are making poor choices at the point of purchase, which can have far reaching consequences in the future.

For example: if you are lucky enough to have a south facing garden, with a conservatory you will naturally attract more heat from the sun, meaning it can be sweltering hot if it's not correctly ventilated, or when the temperature changes in the winter, you could freeze without appropriate heating.

With proper planning, you can prevent those two extremes happening, which is commonplace in poorly designed conservatories.

Choosing the right company

The big challenge home owners face is in choosing the right company. The traditional way is to simply call in three companies to quote and then make a decision based on price. This method is flawed because most companies will price match, but might not quality match.

A spokesman said: *"Doing your due diligence before inviting any company out to quote will safeguard you. This can be done with the aid of two free resources we recommend, which will arm you with the information you need to avoid unscrupulous operators who provide overpriced, inferior products with poor craftsmanship."*

"Having access to these resources will certainly shield you from making any mistakes. If you are thinking about buying a conservatory, we would urge you to read the Ultimate Consumer Awareness Guide for Buying a New Conservatory.

Inside the guide you will discover:

- *The seven questions you must ask before inviting a conservatory company to your home.*
- *How to evade the four biggest conservatory rip-offs used on unsuspecting home owners.*
- *Learn about the little known government legislation that could end up costing thousands in insurance claims, plus present a major problem if you try to sell your home.*
- *The eight mistakes to avoid when choosing the style of conservatory.*

And, much, much more vital information, including the second free resource to help you make a better buying decision."

Call 0800 085 8518 now to receive your FREE copy of The Ultimate Consumer Awareness Guide for Home Owners.